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WHITEAWAY'S

KIEL CANAL BLOCKED BY BRITISH MINES: DARING R.A.F. WORK

LONDON, MAR. 7 (REUTER).—HOW THE REPEATED MINING OF THE KIEL CANAL BY THE R.A.F. HAS SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED THE MOVEMENTS OF GERMAN NAVAL AND MERCANTILE CRAFT IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

BRITAIN SNOWED UNDER

Dramatic Storm Last Month

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Dramatic incidents of one of the greatest rail hold-ups ever known in Britain were revealed to-night.

LATEST

British Fleet For Black Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BUDAPEST, March 7 (UP).—Diplomatic sources in Istanbul declared to-day that Britain is preparing to send part of the Alexandria Fleet to the Black Sea as part of the guarantee Mr Eden gave Turkey.
The move will be made with the acquiescence of Russia, which was given in the recent Ankara talks. It is also understood that Turkish airports are being made ready to receive at least 30 squadrons of the R.A.F.
It is understood that the Turks are insisting on a promise for fleet support as a minimum guarantee that Britain sends effective aid. Immediately if Turkey is attacked.
According to the L.N.B. news agency, Mr Eden offered the British fleet for the purpose of evacuating the Greek army if it was decided to withdraw from Albania. This, it is said, explains the heavy concentration of Greek troops on the Aegean Sea.

Nazi Attack On Greece To-day, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BELGRADE, Mar. 7 (UP).—It is unconfirmedly reported that Germany will attack Greece on Saturday from Bulgaria with substantial forces.
This presumably means that Germany has made up her mind, firstly, that Turkey cannot be won over to the Axis; secondly, that Greece is determined to fight on; thirdly that Yugo-Slavia's status is settled.
The latest news from Bulgaria says that German troops are sweeping southward through the country in an overwhelming force. Apparently because of the volume of the movement communications with foreign countries are almost severed.
It is reported that the German Minister to Athens had a long conversation with M. Korizis the Premier last night, and it is also widely reported that Yugo-Slavia has decided to announce during this weekend—probably on Saturday—a policy of closer collaboration with the Axis.

Evacuation Of Thrace Likely

SOFIA, Mar. 7 (UP).—Military quarters expect the immediate evacuation of Thrace according to a plan the Greeks have known to have had since the outbreak of the Italian-Greek war, which provides for the Greek border forces to fall back on defensive mountain line positions from Salonika to the west.

AXIS SHIPS Large Tonnage Lost Off Norway, Africa

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Following the sinking of 18,000 tons of German shipping at the Lofoten Islands comes the announcement that 11 enemy ships were lost when the port of Kismayu was captured. It can now be stated, says an Admiralty communiqué, that five Italian merchant ships with a total tonnage of 28,153 fell into British hands as a result of the capture of port Kismayu.
These ships are the Adria, 3,800 tons, the Savola, 4,490 tons, Erminia Muzella, 7,515 tons, the Manon, 5,597 tons, and the Leonardo da Vinci, 7,515 tons.

Four other ships scuttled themselves in Kismayu bay. One of these is known to be the Italian Marghera, 4,531 tons.
Losses were also inflicted on the German mercantile marine service as a result of the capture. The German Uckermark, 7,021 tons, attempted to escape and, intercepted by the British forces, tried to scuttle herself. The attempt was frustrated, but the Uckermark subsequently sank while in tow. The German ship Askari, 590 tons was driven ashore.

German A.R.P. Warning

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Another exhortation to the German people to go to their shelters as soon as the sirens are sounded was broadcast to-night by General Milch, Inspector-General of the Luftwaffe.
The German people, he said, will not averse even if things go hard and they look with the fullest confidence to their leaders.

Increase in Kowloon Taxi Fares in Force

An increase in the fares for the hire of taxicabs in Kowloon with effect from March 7, is announced in the "Government Gazette."
For small cabs for a distance not exceeding one mile the charge is 40 cents instead of 35 cents, and for each quarter-mile in excess, 10 cents instead of 5 cents.

For large cabs the fare for the first mile is 50 cents, as before, but the charge for each additional quarter-mile has been increased to 10 cents from 5 cents, and the waiting charge for each period of five minutes has also been increased to 10 cents from 5 cents, thus bringing the charges of large cabs in line with the charges for similar cabs in Hongkong where these rates have been in force for over a year.

The first admission of damage in the canal was made in a foreign broadcast on July 29, 1940, when it was stated that the Canal had been so badly hit that ships could pass it only with great difficulty and after long delay. These difficulties persisted throughout August and September, and in November the mining of the Canal made navigation even slower and more complicated.

In December, a ship laden with iron ore was sunk in the Canal damaging the canal bottom and causing one embankment to collapse. Throughout this period, even when the Canal was not completely blocked it was open to the passage of only the smallest of ships.

The Kiel Canal is only one field of R.A.F. mine-laying activities which extend from Norway to the Mediterranean. The outstanding success of this work is indicated by the fact that in less than ten per cent. of the total minefields laid by the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm, well over 100 enemy supply ships have been known to be sunk.

OFF DUTCH COAST
LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Coastal Command aircraft sank an enemy supply ship off the Dutch coast this afternoon, states the Air Ministry.
They also bombed the naval harbour of Den Helder and the enemy-occupied aerodrome of Ockenburg. No British aircraft was missing from this operation.

British fighters accounted for four Junkers bombers, one Dornier bomber and two Messerschmitt fighters, while one Messerschmitt fighter and eight other enemy aircraft were destroyed by A.A. fire. Several others were damaged and it is doubtful if they managed to return to their base. Enemy aircraft numbered over 100.

Some damage was caused to buildings, the communiqué continues, but there were no casualties to R.A.F. personnel.

Petrol Wastage In Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
MOSCOW, Mar. 7 (UP).—Continuing with the campaign of economy in petroleum, it is announced that the Chief Commissariat of the Fuel Department of the Department of Agriculture has discharged several executives who were held responsible for wastage.
Investigation revealed that gasoline and oil to the value of 108,000,000 rubles were wasted by machine and tractor stations during the first eleven months of 1940.

Roosevelt's Personal Representative

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt conferred with Mr Averell Harriman prior to his departure to England on Monday, and gave Mr Harriman a letter of introduction to the British officials in which it was stated that Mr Harriman will act as President Roosevelt's personal representative regarding all matters relating to the facilitation of material aid to Britain, and to expedite assistance by the United States.

Mr Edward Warner, who is an aeroplane expert, and Colonel Allen Breen, vice-Chairman of the Ordnance Advisory Committee of the War Department, will accompany Mr Harriman.

POLITICAL PARTIES PROTEST

Yugo-Slavia Unrest
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BELGRADE, Mar. 7 (UP).—Well informed quarters stated to-day that the leaders of all opposition parties jointly and strongly protested to the Regent, Prince Paul, against the Government's foreign policy, claiming that the people were being kept in ignorance of the truth.

Seething With Rumours
BELGRADE, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The official statement that the Yugo-Slavia Government will always have in view the supreme interests of the state and its independence and integrity has been greeted with relief in the capital, which is seething with rumours.

Indications are that Yugo-Slavia, which is very unwilling to sign the Tripartite Pact, must shortly be asked to sign a separate declaration of friendship to the Axis and the Soviet.

Bulgarian Conferences
LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Field Marshal List, Commander of the German troops in Bulgaria, headed the German military delegation which was received by King Boris to-day, according to a Sofia telegram.
Field Marshal List was also received by the Bulgarian Prime Minister (Dr Bogdan Filov), the Foreign Minister (M. Popoff) and the War Minister (General Daskaloff), according to the Bremen radio.

Berlin Statement

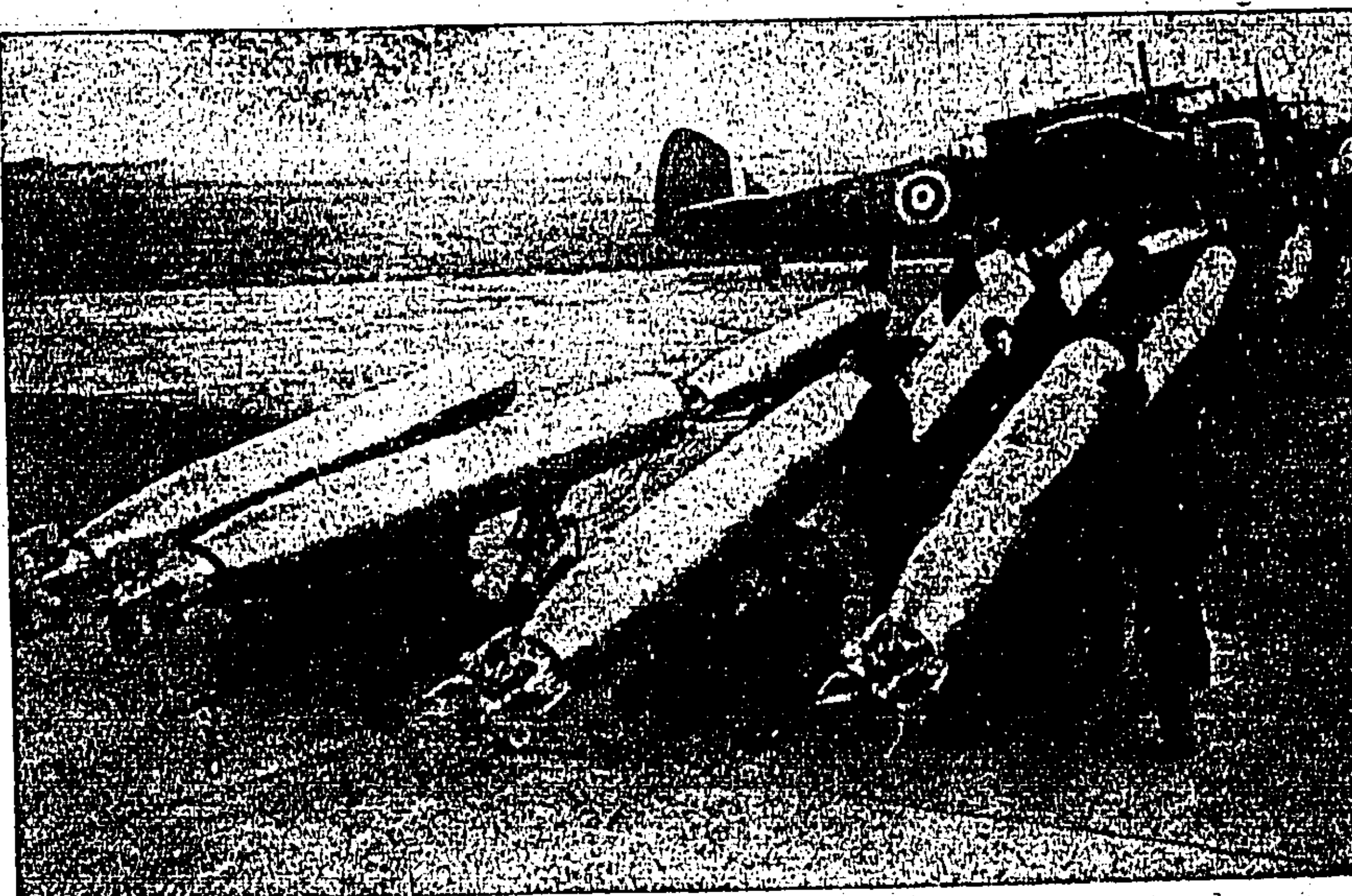
BASLE, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Some time must elapse before the German troops in Bulgaria will have taken up position "for securing peace in the Balkans and beginning war measures against Greece," according to Wilhelmstrasse officials.
The correspondent says that the Wilhelmstrasse considers Mr Eden's proposals to Athens exceedingly dangerous.

Reclamation Project In Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
MOSCOW, Mar. 7 (UP).—M. Stalin and M. Molotov signed a decree to-day ordering the draining of 10,000,000 acres of swamps in the Neman, Dnieper and Pripyat river valleys for reclamation purposes.
This project affects the Pinsk marshes, the scene of the Russo-German battles in the world war. The work will begin immediately and is to be completed within 15 years.

A Future R.A.F. Gift For Hitler

Pretty deadly-looking aren't they? These are what the R.A.F. call "tin fish"—aerial torpedoes in other words—and they are being saved for the time being until the British pilots are ready to blow Nazi warships sky-high with them. In this picture the large shoal of "tin fish" are being taken out on trolleys to waiting Beaufort aircraft.



Administration's Victory In Lend and Lease Bill Vote

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Administration gained a victory in the first test against the Lend and Lease Bill when the Senate rejected the amendment requiring Congressional consent for armed forces to deliver or convey war supplies to Europe.

Political Importance Of Lofoten Is. Raid

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—British sources suggested that the political implications in the Lofoten Island incident almost equal its military importance because it is felt that it cannot fail to discourage the Norwegians from co-operating with the Germans any more than is absolutely necessary, and is likely to make the task of the Quisling Government in gaining the nation's confidence so much more difficult as to encourage passive resistance of the loyal elements.

The composition of the British and Norwegian forces is still unknown, but it is surmised that it must have been quite sizeable to assure its ability to cope with any kind of development.

The fate of the Quisling adherents probably depends on the outcome of the British-Norwegian views here, but the "Times" points out that there is no question of international law which can arise because a Quisling is subject to Norwegian law.

It is also learned that the Lofoten raiders destroyed another important oil plant at Stamsund on the island.

This is the conclusion drawn by the Minister of Labour, Mr Ernest Bevin, from the latest figures of unemployment.

While the total number of unemployed men, boys, women and girls on February 10 was 580,849, representing a reduction of 114,757 since January 10, it is pointed out that these figures include a large number of persons who have temporarily stopped while changing jobs, casual workers, a large number of elderly workers and those classified as unsuitable for ordinary employment.

Thus further industrial expansion will involve the tapping of new sources by transfer from non-essential industries and the greater employment of women.

An increase in the number of women at work is indicated by the fact that while the register of wholly unemployed women had only decreased by 1,895, actually 10,895 were placed in work.

Large numbers entering industry direct without registering at the exchanges.

Attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the "Telegraph" on Thursday, that nurses at the Tai Wo Yuen Hospital had staged a sit-down strike as a protest against certain regulations in regard to the granting of leave of absence.

It is stated by the Proprietors of the Hospital that this is incorrect. The true facts were that six of the intended employees failed to fill in their "Reference Cards" and consequently they were refused employment.

CORRECTION

Attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the "Telegraph" on Thursday, that nurses at the Tai Wo Yuen Hospital had staged a sit-down strike as a protest against certain regulations in regard to the granting of leave of absence.

The Senate vote was 63 to 28 in rejecting the amendment proposed by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, as modified by Senators Francis Maloney and Homer Bone. The vote is considered a fair indication of what the final vote will be, namely: 61 Democrats, 11 Republicans and one Independent against, 11 Democrats, 16 Republicans and one Progressive for the amendment.

The Senate was originally scheduled to vote on Senator Champ Clark's amendment prohibiting the use of funds voted by Congress for sending armed forces outside the Western Hemisphere and the possessions; however, Senator Clark withdrew the amendment which he plans to offer later.

Gallup Survey
NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (UP).—A Gallup survey which asked men from 21 to 29 whether or not they favoured the Lend and Lease Bill showed 55 per cent. were in favour; 24 per cent. answered No; 10 per cent. made qualified replies, and 11 per cent. had no opinion on the matter.

Bill Due To Pass
WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Immediately following the rejection of the second amendment to the Lend and Lease Bill in the Senate, TURN TO Page 6, Column Five

DAINTY SUNK

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer Dainty has been sunk. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.
*The Dainty was formerly on the China Station.

Armistice Talk Rejected In New Rome Statement

ROME, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The possibility of an armistice between Italy and Greece was emphatically rejected in a statement issued to-night by the official Italian news agency, which adds, "the differences between Italy and Greece will be decided by arms, and Greece will pay the price for acts committed against Italy."

According to entirely unconfirmed reports reaching London, Yugo-Slavia is being asked to mediate between Greece and Italy and the terms are alleged to include the renunciation of territorial claims by Italy, but Greece would be asked to cede bases at Salonika and Patras to Germany.

Opposition leaders are reported to be preparing a statement demanding a full explanation of the situation.

Batteries Incapacitated
ATHENS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Several Italian batteries were put out of action during effective artillery activity which lasted throughout Thursday, according to a Greek spokesman. He added that the artillery caused considerable destruction to enemy positions.

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OFFICERS TELL OF LIBYA

Advancing in U.K.
BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—Selected officers are being called back to London from Africa to report on the perfection of readiness for the greater struggles with Germany. Light and heavy tank officers are the bearers of official despatches describing how the whole of the Italian army in Eastern Libya was shattered.

Their account painted a graphic picture of the final spurt across half Cyrenaica led by light tanks with cruiser support, to cut off the last of Graziani's mechanised forces. A light tank officer said: "They fought a great deal better than many people think. Their gunners were very brave and usually died by their guns. So also, were the tank crews opposing us in a last desperate effort to break through to the south of Benghazi."

Many in the Italian army, however, were infantry armed with rifles and had no chance against the charging tanks. The Italian light tanks were "the most appalling fighting vehicles I have ever seen." They were lightly armed with two machine-guns forward, which could only traverse through thirty degrees and were only thinly armoured. Graziani was also let down by his Blackshirt Divisions. These were not half so good as the Italian regulars. Libyan troops who fought at Sidi Barrani were never seen again. It was the officer's impression that they took off their uniforms and "went Bedouin again."

British tanks successfully practised dispersal on the move to foil air attacks. Bombing attacks against them failed because the attacks were made from a high level. Not until the British were between Tobruk and Benghazi did the enemy pilots try dive-bombing.

BANK-NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in the Colony, during the month ended February 28, as certified by the managers of the respective banks, is as follows:

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	25,601,032
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	200,257,220
Overseas-Chinese Bank of India, Ltd.	4,309,116
Total	\$230,167,378

Appointments

The following appointments are notified in yesterday's Government Gazette:—Mr W. H. E. Thomas, C.B.E., to the Board of Review of the War Revenue Department during the absence from the Colony of Mr R. A. Camidge.

Mr Thomas J. Houston to be District Officer, North, with effect from March 7.

Miss Helen Wong to be a Temporary Public Vaccinator with effect from February 29.

Weygand And Syria

BASLE, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—Officials in Berlin believe there is a special reason for General Weygand's visit to Vichy. They think that it may be connected with the situation in Syria.

Immigration Office Inquiry On Mar. 11

The examination of witnesses by the Commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be conducted in public at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretary's Office, on Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m.

Immigration Officers Appointed

The following Chinese Assistant Immigration Officers have been appointed:—Mr J. R. Poye, with effect from January 14; Mr Lu Tak-shun, with effect from February 10; Mr Harry Lee-Chin, and Mr George Yin-sing Lee, with effect from March 1.

It is notified that Mr Kan Lai-dun has relinquished his duties as a Chinese Assistant Immigration Officer, with effect from February 23.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has received information from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Mr Seki Yano has been appointed Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be 'less than six and not more than ten in number.'"

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1941.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, (GARDEN ROAD)

Bishop Andrew Tsu Of Yunnan to Preach

Sunday, March 9, 2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, and in Peak Church.

11 a.m. Matins. Preacher, The Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu (Assistant Bishop of Yunnan).
8.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, The Rev. Y. Y. Tsu.

The Social Hour will be held in the Cathedral Hall immediately after Evensong, and will be held on Friday, 8th March, 1941, at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday—Intercession 5.30 p.m., followed by discussion in Cathedral Hall. The Marriage Service—Clergyman, Mr. Y. Y. Tsu.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on: Sunday, Thursday, 7.45 a.m. Friday (Cathedral).

Notices for the Week
Baptism in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sick Intercessions on Thursday, 10.15 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Second Talk on The "Deadly Virtues"

Sunday, March 9, 2nd Sunday in Lent. Services in English:—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon. The second of the series of sermons on "Deadly Virtues"—Pride. When all thy meekness (2) 435 Lord of our life (3) 106 There is a green hill (4) 177 "The Lord is my strength" (5) 106. The second in the special course of sermons on "A Guide to Understanding the Bible"—The idea of "Man". Preacher Mr H. Ashton Hill, M.Sc. Hymns: (1) 554 Thy Kingdom come (2) 121 Lord, thy word abideth (3) 508 Once to every man and nation.

Note: there will be supper in the vestry after this service, to which all are invited. After supper there will be discussion of the subject of the sermon, when the preacher will be present to answer questions or criticisms.

Services in Mandarin:—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Sunday School at 9 a.m. in No. 3 Duke Street.

Tuesday, March 11—Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Vestry at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 13—Holy Communion 7 a.m.; Guild of Martha and Mary Meeting in the Vestry at 10 a.m.; Choir Practice in Church 6 p.m.

Friday, March 14—Guild of Martha and Mary Committee 6 p.m.; The Vestry The Vicar and Christ Church Fellowship "At Home" in the Vestry, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 15—Tennis 2.30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Free Film Show at S. & S. Home on Thursday

Service on Sunday, March 9. Preachers: Morning, Rev. W. G. B. Reum, S.A.; Evening, Rev. J. F. Schuchel. Morning Prayer Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 659, Prayer, Hymn No. 272, First Lesson, Hymn No. 71, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 172, Sermon, Hymn No. 325, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymn No. 9, Prayer, Hymn No. 105, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 521, Sermon, Hymn No. 591, Benediction.

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All Services, and civilians will be warmly welcomed.

Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Badminton Club at the S. & S. Home.

Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at the S. & S. Home.

Thursday at 8.30 p.m. Free Film Show at the S. & S. Home. Everybody welcome.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, March 9—Morning Service 10.30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Frank Short of the London Missionary Society.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the Morning Service.

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held in the Church Hall on March 19 at 5.30 p.m.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the 'undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members 'holding shares of the Company 'as on the first day of April 'One thousand nine hundred 'and forty-one in respect of the 'net amount capitalised fully 'paid shares of the Company 'of equivalent nominal value in 'the proportion of one share for 'every three shares of the Company 'held by them respectively 'and that such shares so allotted 'shall rank for dividends as 'from the 1st day of July, 1941.

"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person 'would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, 'in lieu of issuing fractional 'certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person 'or persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share shall, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE

We have been informed that attempts are being made to sell Green Island Cement at rates above the Government Control prices which are:—

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R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.

2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.

3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
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16 cents per copy

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25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

Imperial Leaders Confer Smuts Meets Eden

CAIRO, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, arrived yesterday and left again this morning.

During his brief stay he had talks with Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, and General Sir Archibald Wavell, G.O.C. British Forces in the Middle East.

First Hand Account

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, the South African Chief of Staff.

It is understood that General Smuts received from Mr Eden and General Dill a direct account of their diplomatic and military talks in Ankara and Athens.

General Smuts also received a first hand account of the Libyan victories from General Wavell and other African commanders.

The visit is regarded in British and South African circles as an example of the close co-operation prevailing between Britain and the Dominions and, following so closely on Mr R. G. Menzies' visit, while en route to Britain, it is also regarded as evidence of the freedom and facility of inter-Imperial communications.

General Smuts was the British Ambassador's guest at the Embassy during his stay.

Convoy Attack Fails

Heinkel Brought Down

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—A Heinkel III, which attacked a convoy in the North Sea this morning, was shot down in flames by the British warship Guillelot.

No British damage or casualties were sustained.

Break From Japan's National Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 7 (Domel).—Mr Seigo Nakano, rightist Parliamentarian, to-day tendered his resignation as executive director of the National Service Association to the Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye.

Mr Nakano announced his decision to revive as a political association the Tohoku which was dissolved last year preparatory to incorporation into the National Service Association and reorganised as the Shintoha (East Promotion Society), a cultural association.

Mr Nakano declared that his associates would disconnect themselves from the National Service Association and launch an independent political movement in future.

P.P.C. Faces Measures to Control China's Feeding

CHUNGKING, Mar. 7 (Central News).—Discussions at yesterday's meeting of the 2nd People's Political Council centred upon the problems of food supply and commodity prices.

Dr Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, reviewed the Government's efforts at stabilising commodity prices. Measures adopted include fixation of prices by price stabilisation committees formed jointly by local governments, guilds and other civic organisations, suppression of hoarding for profiteering, control of important commodities such as coal by the Fuel Control Bureau and cotton yarn by the Agricultural Credit Administration, and government purchase and sale of daily necessities to regulate supply and demand.

Mr Lu Tso-fu, Director of the National Food Administration, made a report on governmental control of food supply. He said that following the inauguration of the National Food Administration, efforts were first directed to meeting the demand of army food supply and later to the control of civilian food supply.

The National Food Conference recently convened in Chungking, Mr Lu recalled, was for the purpose of discussing and devising appropriate measures for food control. The conference was of the opinion that quantitatively China's food supply constitutes no problem and the main difficulty lies in regulating supply and demand.

According to Mr Lu, five general principles for food control were laid down at the conference:—

1. Regulation of supply and demand by shipment of food from places where there is a surplus to places where there is a shortage and from rural districts to cities.

2. Encouragement of the consumption of miscellaneous cereals as substitutes for rice and wheat flour.

3. Prohibition of wine-brewing.

4. Increase of production.

5. Improvement of irrigation and water conservancy.

Control Bureaux

It was decided to establish food control bureaux in different provinces, municipalities, and cities to exercise control over the food market, and to enforce practical food

control measures, such as investigation of food supply, division of supply and consumption areas, government sale and rationing of food.

Mr Miao Chiu-chieh, Director of the Salt Administration, reported governmental control over salt supply. He said that the rise of salt prices is not due to shortage of production but to transport difficulties; remedial measures devised include the improvement of transport facilities, governmental purchase, shipment and sale of salt, regulation of supply and demand and fixation of prices.

Several interpellations regarding rice and salt supply for public functionaries were made by the Councilors. Mr Lai and Mr Miao promised to give written replies.

Nazi Pacifist Dies

BERNE, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—The famous German pacifist leader, Dr Quilcke, has died in Geneva, aged 83. He left Germany when the Nazis came to power.

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TOKYO, Mar. 7 (Domel).—Lieut.-General Kaneko Suetaka, returned to Tokyo from China this afternoon. He has been appointed Supreme War Chief of Army.

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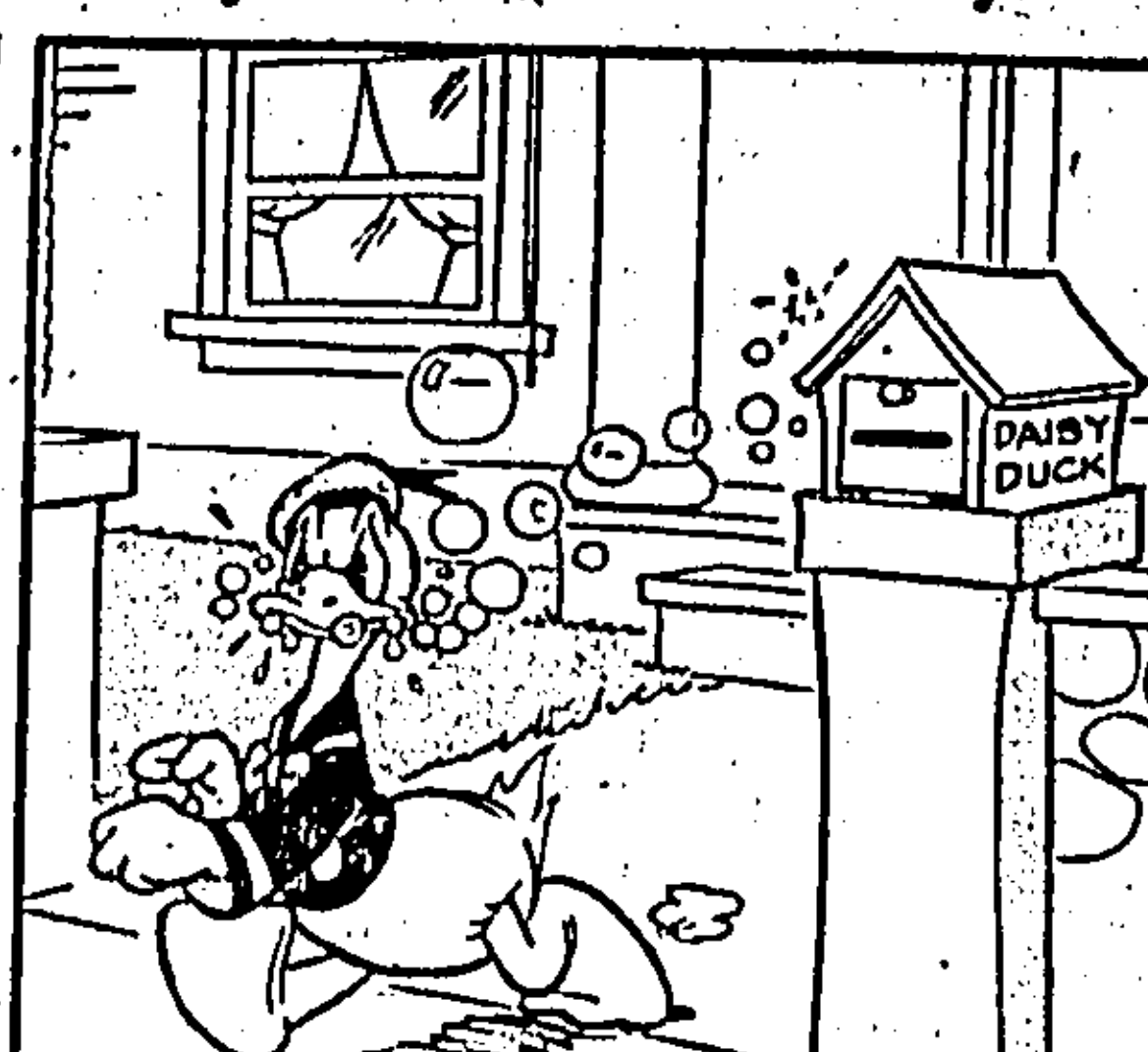
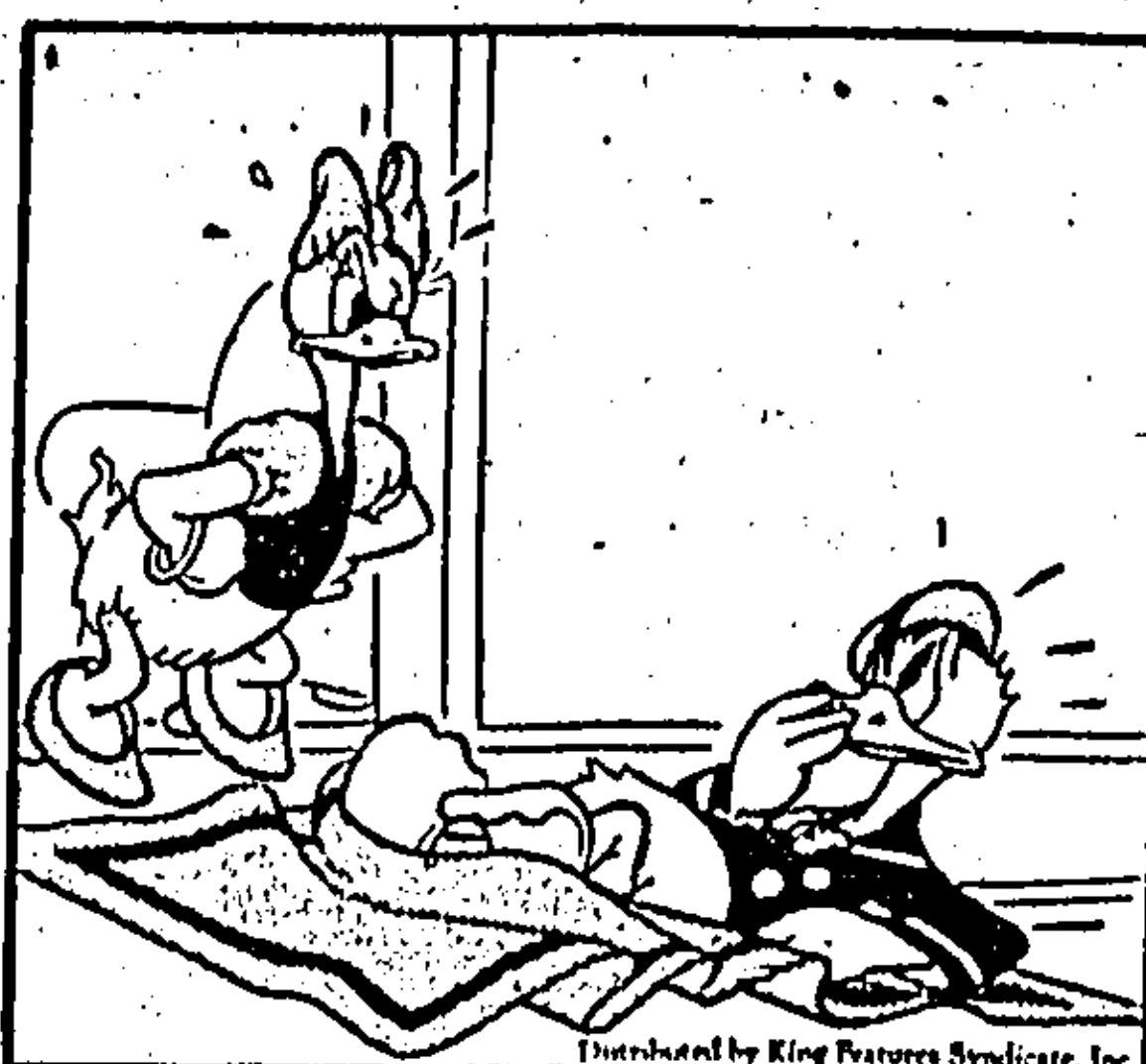
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CURRENT COMMENT

By "Scrutineer"

The official title of the Lease and Lend Bill now before the American Senate is H. R. 1776. This presumably is its proper number and is due to accident rather than design.

Every schoolboy knows that the year 1776 is the most important in American history, since it was on July 4 that year that the Declaration of Independence was signed. Now in 1941, the Bill number 1776 is the most important that has been before the Senate since that date. Its aim is to aid Britain in every possible way short of war, for it is felt that the independence which was secured one hundred and sixty-five years ago will only be maintained by the passing of such a measure.

In other words, the administration has declared that the defence of the American way of life is intimately bound up with Britain's success in this war against Nazism. The American war of 1776 really aimed at maintaining British principles which, as the great Pitt said in his famous speech, had for some reason or other been violated at that time by the Government.

"Were I an American," he said, "as I am an Englishman, I never would lay down my arms, never, never, never."

The lesson then learned was effectively applied in later years, and as each branch of the Empire came to full maturity its self-government followed as a matter of course. The result of this is that the British Commonwealth of Nations is bound together by spiritual ties based on common ideals, and for that reason is a stronger union than any system based on compulsion or exploitation. The composition of the forces of the Empire, which have come together spontaneously and voluntarily, is a Britain, so long promised and so striking testimony to the justice and the unity prevailing in the Empire.

The bill H. R. 1776, then, is a measure which draws the two countries together, just as the Bill of the year 1776 drew them apart. If the act is passed—and no one doubts that it will be—it will be a recognition by the United States that the principles for which they fought in 1776 are and have been the guiding principles of British life. If these collapse in Britain, it is difficult to see how they can survive in the United States. It is not so nation rather than to the west for the much the military or naval power extremely distasteful and very that is at stake, it is what lies behind, dangerous campaign against Britain. The United States no doubt would Hitler assures his people he will be capable of warding off attack choose his time for the invasion. To from without, though Col. Knox parades a well-known phrase, he doubts it, but what cannot he main- says: "Lord, make me brave for this joined if British military and enterprise, but not yet."

TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

Several tributes have recently been paid to the striking heroism and courage which have been displayed since the British Empire entered the war.

Take this answer given by Col. Knox in the course of the enquiry about the Lease and Lend Bill:

Representative Fish: "Ours is the world's greatest navy, isn't it?"
Col. Knox: "Undoubtedly it is the greatest single navy and so long as the British Navy stands, it is in practical effect a two-ocean navy. Should the British Isles fall, we can only believe that the British Navy, which never runs away from danger, will fall at the same time, and the British Empire will be lost."

The Telegraph, an Italian newspaper published in Leghorn, recently said: "How is it that the British can resist? Surely it cannot be that there are forty-seven million Churchill's in England."

Then Lord Haw Haw over the radio this week indignantly denied that German propaganda had ever charged the British with cowardice. That, he added, was obviously untrue, but he asserted that this courage was being dis-

played under a mistaken apprehension and on behalf of an unjust cause. From Lord Haw Haw that is high praise, but in this he has the backing of his Fuehrer, whose favourable opinion of the British, because of their tenacity of purpose and their courage in maintaining it, is expressed in a well-known passage in Mein Kampf.

But whatever the views of the German leaders may be, there is no doubt that the bombing of London and other towns had for its primary aim the demoralisation of the British people. It was meant to have a psychological effect by their attacks on the ports, since they have confirmed their original belief that Britain cannot be conquered by fear.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BALKANS

The developments in the Balkans follow as the result of Russia's acquiescence in German expansion and to the willingness to surrender her authority in that region.

It must be remembered, however, that the adherence of countries like Rumania and Bulgaria to the Axis does not mean the winning of new and willing Allies. These countries join up not to take an active part in the war, but to avoid being laid waste, if they refuse to conform. They feel they can do no other in the circumstances, after what happened to Poland, Holland, Belgium and Norway. Rumania is forced into the Axis even after sacrificing Transylvania. Bulgaria is lured in by the promise of an outlet to the sea.

Germany is driven in this direction because of the failure of Italy and the necessity of helping her, and "fighting in Africa" because the invasion of Britain, so long promised and so striking testimony to the justice and the unity prevailing in the Empire.

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Meanwhile, Germans sprawl over Europe and maintain their position by armed forces and Gestapo methods in those countries which have so tragically signed their names on the dotted line, and with still more drastic methods in those countries which flatly refuse to be cowed.

Germany has not then added to her military forces, but has improved her strategic position with a view to bringing pressure to bear on Greece. At the same time the British, who have expected these moves for some time, are now in a position to bomb German concentrations in Bulgaria, and the oil wells in Rumania.

FRANCE AND FOOD

Admiral Dorian is complaining about the non-arrival of food ships for France, but there cannot possibly be a genuine shortage of food in that country. France had the best hunting ground in Europe, seeing that half the people were on the land and the other half in cities.

The French peasant is notoriously frugal, industrious and thrifty, and though he does not make a great profit, he provides France with abundant stores of food and wine. The Frenchman in the city is a bon vivant, very discriminating in his taste, and certainly he has never lacked anything on that score. If, therefore, France is without food at the moment, it is obviously due to the Nazis' habit of spoliation. No wonder ninety percent of the French population is strongly anti-Nazi and that the

POCKET CARTOON



"Thank you so much... now could you look for my husband?"

JAPAN'S COURSE

It is rather surprising that Japan should seek to be so generous to Thailand at the expense of French Indo China in view of the fact that she hopes to become the residuary legatee of the whole French Colony, unless she proposes to absorb Thailand too. France is hardly in a position to resist, as Vichy is very far away and is impotent, while the Japanese fleet is so near and so powerful.

It is generally agreed, however, that the arrangement will postpone, if not end, the march further south, for that step is positively hazardous. Moreover it is clear that although the Germans are busy building up the fifth column in Japan, the task cannot be at all easy.

The constitution granted in 1868 by the Emperor was extremely liberal and was obviously inspired by the great democracies of the time. Moreover, in keeping with that constitution the education of Japan has been on the whole inspired chiefly by the United States and partly by Britain. Waseda University was specially founded to discuss and promote liberal ideas. The Imperial University in Tokyo too had many distinguished liberals on its staff. Even now the Japan Weekly News is quite outspoken and is favourable to Britain. Prince Konoye had a son educated in the United States; so, for the last seventy years, the spirit of liberalism has been kept alive, and cannot be destroyed overnight.

SPIRITUAL IDEAL

Again, it must be remembered that the unity of Japan is based on a spiritual ideal, i.e. loyalty to an Emperor who traces his origin back to divine sources, and not on political and military considerations such as prevail in Germany. Nazism could not easily take root in Japan.

Primarily, Japan is a naval power, which took the British navy as its model. It was Britain who built Japan's first fleet and provided her first teachers.

She is at present enamoured with the German army. Why, it is hard to say, for in 1918 Germany lost 6000 guns, half her total, and a quarter of her army. On November 11, 1918 the German general Hindenburg sent a plenipotentiary, Erzberger, to Marshal Foch telling him he must get an armistice on any terms. In other words the German army was hopelessly defeated.

Since then Germany has overwhelmed France, it might be said, but did she? France was defeated by internal dissension and not by German weapons. Hitler himself said this was his method. As for Germany's boasted mastery of the air, that claim was shattered on Sept. 15 last year when she lost 185 planes in one day.

The British Navy never was defeated and there is no sign whatever that in this war that it can be destroyed. Its main task so far has been to find either an Italian or a German fleet that will stand up to it.

Considering, then, the record of the two forces, Japan has far more reason to respect the British Fleet than the German army.

Japan is now asking her German friends how they can achieve a knock-out blow when the British naval and air power offer such formidable obstacles. She wants to know why the blitzkrieg is again and again postponed and why the "war lines in Asia."

It is these facts which give pause to the successful issue when time is so to Japan's policy.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

How exasperating Hongkong can be at times—or should I say all the time?

Rackets simply thrive, and so little is done to check the exploitation of the public! At the moment I am thinking of the coal business which is dually black. Within the last couple of years, prices have soared and soared, and still are soaring. I am given to understand that at the chief sources of supply, the increases have not been remarkably excessive. Freights have, of course, increased, but here again I am assured that the total increases in both production, freight and handling do not justify the price per ton at present being demanded in the Colony.

Prices apparently vary between \$55 and \$68 per ton, which variation in itself suggests profiteering by some dealers. In any case, the price is too high, and it is high time that Government stepped in and exercised control.

Even when paying "through the nose" for our fuel, there is no guarantee that correct weight is delivered. In any other part of the world, very simple regulations are enforced. Dealers must carry weights and scales on their delivery vans, and at any moment an inspector may require a test weighing of bags. Why Hongkong cannot come into line with the most elementary requirements of municipal councils elsewhere is one of those posers which confront us day in and day out.

After all, the public is entitled to protection against profiteering, and especially so when a daily necessity is concerned. I presume that something in the nature of a

Weights and Measures Act does exist here. It is to be hoped that those in authority will adopt steps at once thoroughly to investigate the coal business. Householders would do well to check the weight of coal delivered to them and, in the public interest, institute proceedings against any dealer who delivers short weight.

Perhaps a Royal Commission composed of municipal councillors from Home would be a good idea!

There is also the question of foodstuffs, wines and spirits, especially spirits. I have noticed occasionally in the past prosecutions for selling adulterated milk or other standard requirements. Such action is, however, very rare. Of recent years, many "small house" licences have been granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, but there appears to be no guarantee that inspectors make occasional calls at such places and take away samples for examination.

In enlightened communities elsewhere, strict supervision is exercised with most satisfactory results; why Hongkong, after its "century of progress," should be so behind the times is most astonishing.

There may be many cogent reasons against public representation in Hongkong, and a municipal council might not be desirable, but it is all the more necessary that modern control be exercised in every sphere which concerns and affects the community. In war time, it is notorious that there are always unscrupulous people who endeavour to amass a fortune out of national misfortune.

It is in the interest of the successful prosecution of the war that all such people be suppressed. If the cost of my living is to keep rising unjustifiably, how can I be expected to contribute as much as I would like to Britain's War Chest?

Occasionally, rackets are checked, as instanced by the action taken in the cement and firewood scandals. Inadequate fines, however, are useless. Nothing less than prison terms should be awarded to profiteering parasites.

AFTERTHOUGHT. Since writing the above lines, I feel that perhaps there is something in the suggestion that Hongkong should emulate Kowloon and create its own Residents' Association. I should not like to think that the only public-spirited men reside in Kowloon!

Once there existed a Peak Residents' Association, and even a May Road Residents' Association, but both have faded out. I wonder why?

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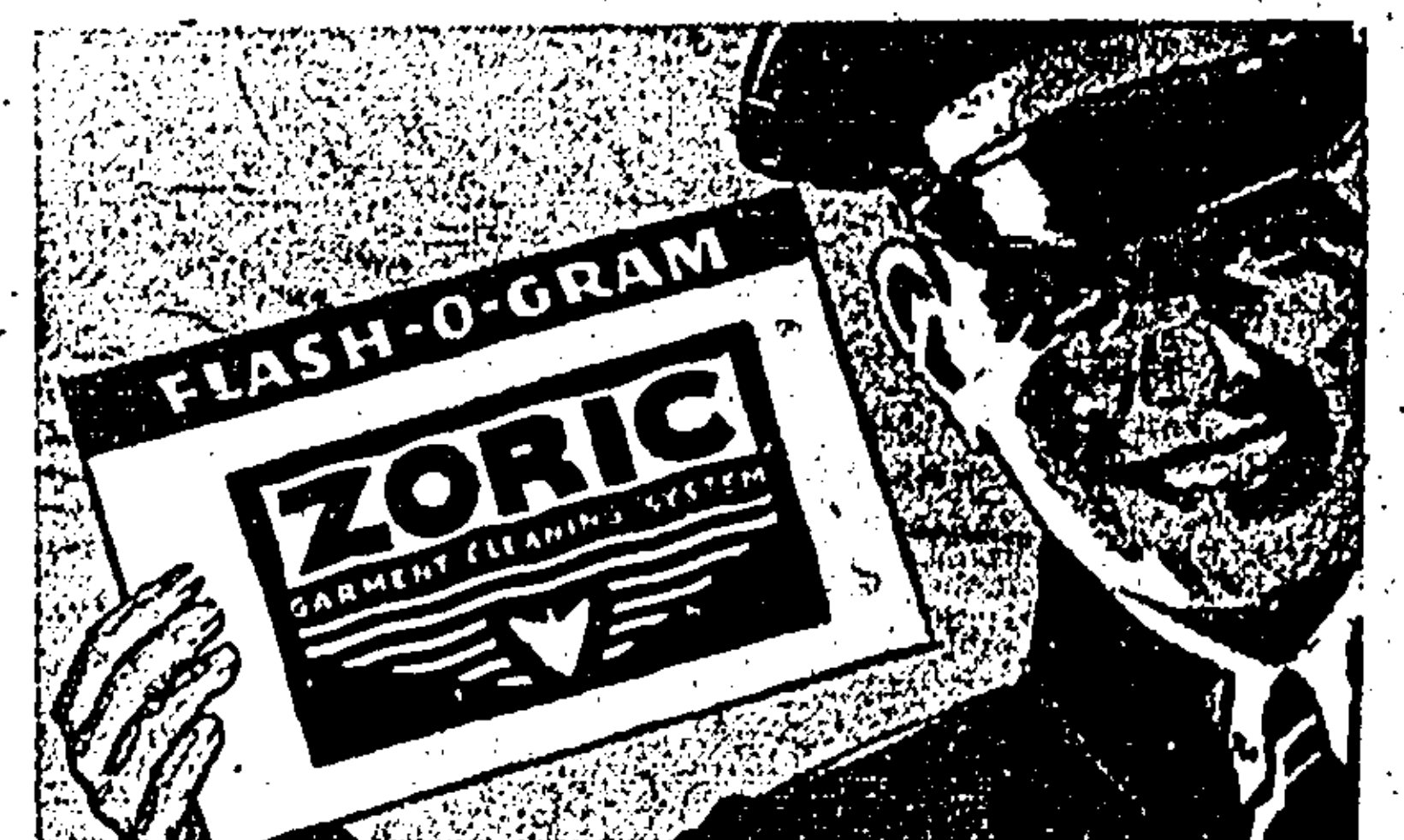
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Stiff Encounter For Eastern Crucial Matches To-morrow

Improved St Joseph's Ready To Provide Another League Upset

South China Should Win

(By "SCRAMBLER")

EASTERN will have to be on their toes when they come up against the lowly placed Saint Joseph's College to-day in their return Senior League encounter at Caroline Hill, for the Saints with bright prospects for the Senior Shield have been considerably reinforced lately, and as both teams are semi-finalists in the Shield, this will in all probability be a dress rehearsal.

Another game which may have a bearing in the ultimate destination of the Senior Championship is the clash between the league leaders, South China and Kwong Wah, to-morrow.

The Saints in the past have not been very strong in defence, particularly in the intermediate line, but now that Guy is given the key-post, their weakness in this department is more or less advised judging from the ex-interpreter's last display. Although he was unable to turn out against Kwong Wah last week, the injuries to his wrist have now mended, and his presence will be badly felt by Eastern's attack.

D. Leonard appears to relish his new post at left half, and by using his weight to good advantage, he should have the Chinese forwards well covered. It is by such methods that Eastern's attack will be very much subdued, and with Castillo on the right, the trio of Castillo, Guy and Leonard, backed up by the hefty clearing back, Hussain and Bowen, will constitute a menace to Eastern's aspirations for the Championship.

In attack, by the inclusion of the two Army players, Roche and Flanders as wingers the Saints have now a fine forward line. It is just what they have been needing all along, and Flanders' past displays have more than added weight to their fine showing. The inside trio of Santos, MacDonald and Gomez are not only fast on their feet, but tricky, and MacDonald's bustling methods will be somewhat felt by Eastern's defence. It is not certain whether Sammy Tsang can come down from Macao to assist them, and if he is between the sticks, the work of Eastern's will once again be challenged.

Eastern Unimpressive

EASTERN appear to have lost their string in attack, and their last outing against Kwong Wah in the Shield was far from impressive. The forward line, although greatly helped by the defence, were unable to put

in the old rhythmic movements. V. K. Ifyul was always one step ahead of his insidemen. Qui Xung-fok was never a forward, and his presence there was more of an hindrance than help. Only Hsu Ching-tau was his former self.

The defence is always sound, but although they are good, they were unable to get their forwards moving. Hsu King-sing went so far as to play the sixth forward on many occasions, and the backs, Kong Sing-king and S. Y. Yen, were often seen well up field. Unless Eastern are able to play rejuvenated football, they may find themselves behind South China still further in the standings of the league.

Favourites

SOUTH CHINA will as usual start as favourites against Kwong Wah, and their form of late has marked them as being worthy of their present standing. They should be able to collect two points, and their position at the head of the table will be safe.

South China's eleven are sound, there being hardly a weak link. All five of the attackers can shoot with both feet, and can always be depended upon to score. Both wingers are fast and can send across perfect centres. Lee Wai-tong as usual leads his men well, and with such crafty aides as Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi, it was no wonder that the Navy were unable to stop them.

Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po and Lau Chung-sang are a consistent trio of hard defenders, being well coordinated, and can always combine attack with defence. Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung are good, and with Tam Kwan-hon in his merry mood, they should have no fear regarding the result of the match.

Also Good

On the other hand, Kwong Wah can play good football when they feel like it, though they lack dash and initiative. They have the makings of

Week-end Programme

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Middlesex v. Police
(Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v. Kowloon
(Kowloon 4.30 p.m.)
Eastern v. St Joseph's
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Middlesex v. Ordinance
(Boundary Street 3 p.m.)
R. Scots v. Kowloon
(Kowloon 3.00 p.m.)
South China v. Navy
(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)
Service Corps v. Kwong Wah
(St Joseph's 4.30 p.m.)
30th R. A. v. Club
(St Joseph's 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Medicals v. Signals
(Club 3.00 p.m.)
36th R. A. v. 12th R. A.
(Military 4.10 p.m.)
20th R. A. v. International
(Chatham Road 3.00 p.m.)
24th R. A. v. 7th R. A.
(Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

South South v. Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kit Chee v. Engineers
(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Shell v. Air Force
(Boundary Street 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v. Service Corps
(Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

a good team, but because very often they play without enthusiasm, they have themselves then to blame for their poor showing.

Tin Yung-fat is a tricky leader, but the inside men are often behind in his ideas. Lee Yan-leung and Lau Fook-huen being slow, and often waste time in trying to set the ball away. Chung Shek-kam is not the same winger that I have known of old. His off side confidence is missing, and is too prone to take the ball back, thereby wasting precious time. Wong King-chung is the same fast and crafty winger, but without adequate support he is not much of a danger. Kwong Wah's defence is only mediocre, their chief aim is to get the ball away, and rarely do they give the forwards a thought. Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai are good, and often combine and cover well.

The intermediate trio are not so steady, and are prone to allow their opponents to get through due to lack of understanding. It is to the credit of Lee Kwok-kee in goal that scores against them so far have not been greater.

Police To Surprise

THE Guardians of the Law have been putting in a lot of practice preparatory for their match against South China. I have been told that this will be a "real surprise" of the season, and for which their match to-day against the Diehards will afford them the chances of a rehearsal. Parker will be leading them, and it is just what they need to bolster up the attack. With Howlett and Ferrier on each side of him, and with their Chinese wingers up to scratch, their attack is sound and should be able to obtain goals.

In defence the old brigade of -Pope, Gough and North will be in the intermediate line, with Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu behind them. Being sound and steady, they should be able to offer the Diehards' attack stern opposition, and Saw will have to devise fresh ways and means to get past them.

Diehards will again look forward to their defence to carry the day. Sheehan, Bright and Freshwater will be their mainstay, and should be able to hold the Police attack to a certain extent, provided they can master the Chinese wingers. It is reported that Coomer may be playing as an inside man, but wherever he plays, his past displays will stamp him as being a threat to the Police goal. Come what may, a good game is assured.

Even Encounter

WHEN Royal Scots play Kowloon, a very even game is assured. The Royal are sound both in attack and defence, though the former department is the weaker, and often takes quite some time before they can settle down. Much will depend on Mossack and Auld in the front line, and if between them they are unable to score, then Naysmith, Fraser and Bankier will have to be on their toes, for Kowloon's attack will be going all out to clinch the issue.

Kowloon have lost Truscott and Hutchinson, who have been transferred back to their Unit. Ulrich and Lamb will be at back, and if their

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Rugby

Seven-a-side Tournament Ends To-day

THE BLARNEY STONE Shield Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament in aid of the Bomber Fund will be brought to a conclusion to-day when, on the Club ground, the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will be played.

There will be seven matches in all, the first of which will commence at 3 p.m. Lady Grayburn will present the Shield to the winners, and the Band of the Middlesex Regiment will be in attendance.

H.K.U.A.A.

Elections

The Hongkong University Athletic Association held its annual general meeting on Thursday, and the following office bearers were elected for the year:

President.—Mr K. S. Oh.
Hon. Secretary.—Mr N. C. Sen Gupta.



FIGHT CAREER ENDS — Henry Armstrong, right, who once held featherweight, lightweight and welter crowns simultaneously, beaten by Fritz Zivic in New York, left. Henry, badly battered, asserted he would hang up gloves.

Lou Nova's Claim For Heavyweight Match

Pat Comiskey Quelled

THE BEST LAID PLANS of mice and Mike Jacobs go astray. Jacobs arbitrarily matched Billy Conn to fight Joe Louis for his heavyweight crown next June. But that was before Lou Nova cut young Pat Comiskey to ribbons January 10 at the Garden before 12,801 highly impressed fans.

Now Nova's shadow falls menacingly over the title scene. There is nothing Jacobs can do about it. After all, the fans make the paying matches. As Uncle Mike will discover should he shunt Lou aside without the dead game Californian having further to say about who will be lethal Joe's next formidable opponent.

It was a gallant battle waged by the former University of Southern California student. A battle waged against psychological as well as physical odds.

For eight months Nova lay dangerously ill in a Sacramento hospital after his lacerating beating by Tony Galento, the Jersey bartender.

Septic poisoning resulted and entered the darkened room. Doctors nodded gravely. "It gave me plenty of time to think," Lou said soberly after his smashing victory over Comiskey. "Time to think and wonder if it was all worth while. And now I am on the road back. It is hard to express my feelings. All I can say is that I couldn't be happier about it all. Let me fight Billy Conn. Or Baer."

The Under-dog

NOVA went into the ring a 5-5 underdog to his less experienced foe. Lou had whipped Max Baer, Max being forced to quit in eleven rounds because of flowing blood. Baer had whipped Comiskey in one heat.

Septics still couldn't forget the Galento affair and made the Irishman the favourite in belief Lou had not fully recovered his strength. Nova appeared in a hurry to confound the disbelievers. He marched right into his towering opponent, jabbed his nose red with a couple of poker-stiff lefts.

Then Pat made the same fatal mistake he made against Baer. He rushed Nova.

Levelling Left

LOU floored him for no count with his sweet left as the Garden has seen in ages. Pat fought back but he was badly out-generated. An-

other left brought the first of what was to become a steady stream of blood.

He was a grotesque, crimson-faced gargoyle at the finish of ten rounds. From the sixth on he held on to Nova desperately but the determined Californian battered him unmercifully in clinches.



Lou Nova (right) flogging Pat Comiskey with both fists.

A FEW brief seconds in the eighth round told the saga of the ring in bloody letters. He wanted to quit in that round, cringing before a solid shot to the belly, with the anguished implication the blow was foul. Referee Billy Cavanaugh failed to notice the unsold plea and the road of pain lay wide ahead again. He was dropped for a count of nine in the final round.

Although Comiskey is no slakes as a test, Nova proved conclusively by his mastery of a stunning puncher that he cannot be counted out of the heavyweight picture.

Canuckettes v. Wildcats: St Joseph's v. Indians

Cyclones Chance To Redeem

(By "BALL FAN")

THE MAIN SOFTBALL curtain will come rolling down to-morrow at the Kowloon ball park to spill finis on the current girls' loop as all top-flight teams in the two senior leagues make their final do-or-die appearance in "crooshul" games.

The ball park is prepared to handle the largest crowd of the season as the Maple Leaf Canuckettes battle the star-studded Wildcats for the Colony championship, while St Joseph's burly ballhawks and the spectacular Indians clash with the glory spot just about in sight.

The greenshirtsed Wahos ring down their calendar in a fracas with the dumpling Panthers while the marauding Mohawks should do "just that" in their affair with the Canadian Chin-

ese. Omar's Cyclones have a chance to redeem themselves for their terrible showing last week, as they take on the classy C.B.C. outfit.

THE opener at 10 a.m. should find Fan Lee's Wahos in a winning mood as they tackle Celeste Marques' Baby Panthers in their farewell meeting of the season, with J. Delgado, J. Fonseca and G. G. Lee officiating.

The dumpling Panthers have given the leading teams, real tough games this year, and with the acquisition of Miss Xavier at short, with the "milk bottle" kid on second and the golden girl at first, balance and strength have been added to the infield.

However a weak mound staff, due to the loss of last years mound ace, Irene Tavares, has left Cesar Xavier's duties a mere second division club. The Wahos lost two close games in their last two appearances at the ball park and are booked to finish off the season with a big consolation win.

AT 11.30 a.m. the Maple Leaf Canuckettes and the star-studded Wildcats renew their intense rivalry for the championship of the girls' loop.

The untamed felinas are labelled with power-plus, all over their lineup, and will rely on veteran, experienced ball players who have been stars since the start of local girls' softball.

In the four Mar sisters, the Wildcats have the most outstanding sister combination ever to appear on a local ball diamond. Keystone Irene Pereira and Cynthia Motta have also shown that they are the class in Colony softball circles.

Against this imposing array of starlights, the Maple Leafs will pin their faith on ace slab artist Mary Ng, a real fighting spirit, team co-operation and the will to win. The champions will be greatly weakened by the loss of their heaviest slugger, third sacker Mabel Bunn, who is seriously ill in the hospital, but Alice Mar is expected to fill in, with a sparkling game and should be able to cope with the famed Wildcat bunting brigade. Rockies who dot the Canuckette lineup are all eager to come through with the O.K. sign in this crucial game and will be playing "all out" ball to defeat their

Weekly Wind-up

Dave Leonard's verbal outburst last week caused a slight furor amongst the gashouse faithful. Sweet Dave is the driving "Ty Cobb" type of ball player who makes old gashouse John, out there, appear in all his fury. This kind of dilly-dallying certainly lends real colour to Sunday's bull pen sessions at the ball park.

A "perfect setting" has edged its way into the girls loop finale. It has been a grand softball season all-round—Many teams will be out there practicing all summer in preparation for the opener next October—It's only six months away which ever way you look at it—Bill "the old sooper" Smith, score-keeper a la mode, makes real tasty sandwiches for his Sunday noon eating session at the ball park.

Praxy Hideson had a worried look during the first men's game—Ella Venus' Chinna's insistence in playing seven innings against the Canucks, in a desperate move to score a single tally, failed miserably—Mohawk backstopper Honus Waggoner's grabbing advice had some of the youthful inexperienced Filipino Clubbers munching his words at the plate last Sunday.

Alice Tsang, Lingnan Univ. lassie and latest acquisition in the Cardinal scholastic plan, looks as a real find—Michaelis Mendonca's vociferous voice behind the plate in the St Joseph's vs. Cyclones game could be heard all over the ball park and the adjoining Marina grounds.

Celeste Marques' Baby Panthers and the Maple Leaf Canuckettes are branching into the basketball realm—Both teams will probably start cage practices sometime this month—Slick C. S. Dick Chung, Chung Hwa Maroon ball toser, gave tremendous vent to his voice last Sunday—Making up for an entire season's quiet stillness—Even had gashouse John taking a back seat.

more experienced rivals. Referees appointed are Ski. Fowluski, C. Marques and J. Fonseca.

CASHOUSE John and all his mates will be out there in full force when Dave Leonard's St. Joseph's ballhawks take on the spectacular TURN to Page 5, Column Four

Softball Schedule

GIRLS' LEAGUE

(at K.F.C.)

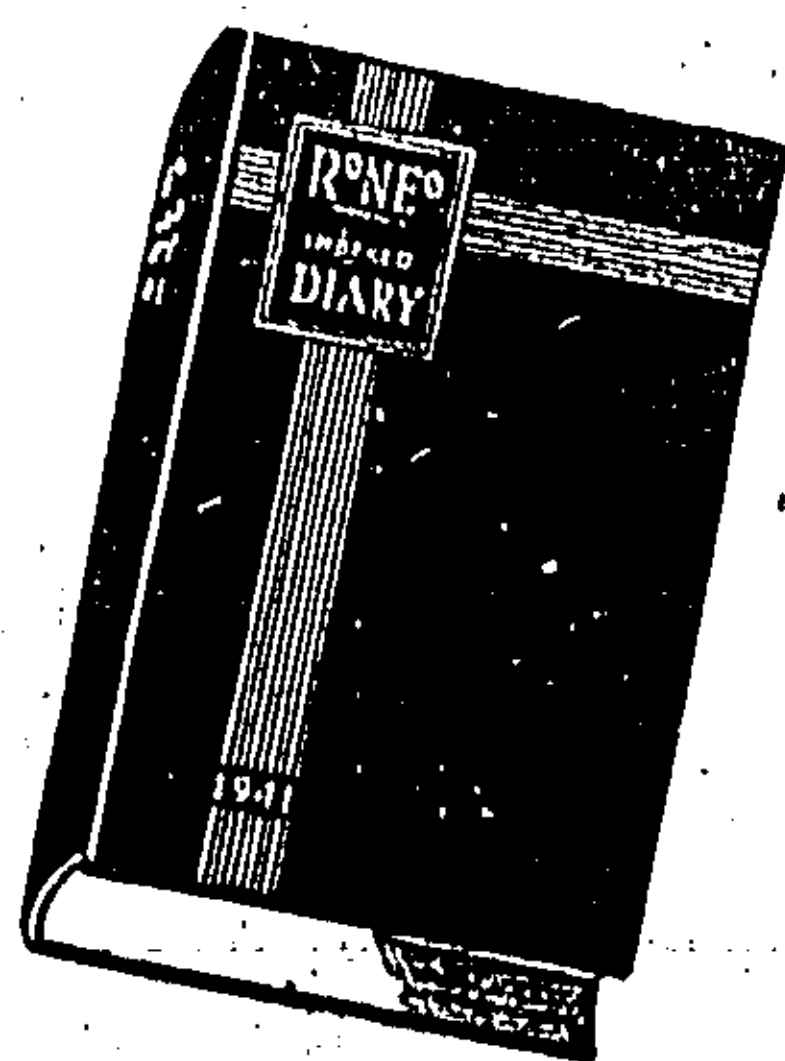
10 a.m. Wahos vs. Baby Panthers.
11.30 a.m. Canadian Chinese vs. Wildcats.

MEN'S

(at K.F.C.)

1 p.m. St Joseph's vs. Indians.
2.15 p.m. Cyclones vs. C.B.C.
3.30 p.m. Canadian Chinese vs. H.K.B.C.

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University Athletic Heats

10,000 Metres Final

FINAL of the 10,000 metres, and heats for the 220 yards low hurdles, the 440 yards and the shot put were held at Pokfulam yesterday, when the first events of the University annual athletic meeting were contested. Yeung Yuk-wah (May Hall), several times winner, once again took honours in the long distance race though his time was slightly above the average.

The results were:
10,000 metres (final).—1. Yeung Yuk-wah (May); 2. Tam Kiang-kho (Elliot); 3. O. C. Cheung (Morrison); 4. T. S. Chowia (Lugard); 5. Paul Liu (Morrison); 6. St. I. Khoo (Hick); 7. Ioh Weng-toh (May). Time 44.8.7.10.
220 yards low hurdles.—Heat 1.—1. K. M. Au (Morrison); 2. S. Mahmood (Lugard); 3. T. L. Luen (Hick). Time 29.4.5. Heat 2.—1. F. Kwai (Hick); 2. Y. S. Lam (Morrison); 3. T. T. Chin (Elliot).
440 yards.—Heat 1.—1. F. Kwai (Hick); 2. J. C. Fenton (Morrison); 3. Chin Kim-ming (Lugard); 4. T. S. Chowia (Lugard). Time 3.14. Heat 2.—1. F. Kwai (Hick); 2. Lum Pak-huen (Elliot); 3. N. Singh (Lugard); 4. P. Tan (Morrison). Time 10. Shot put.—G. Derkach (Lugard); 2. N. Singh (Lugard); 3. Y. S. Lam (Morrison); 4. E. Khoo (Hick); 5. F. Kwai (Hick); 6. E. Nazaria (Lugard). Distance 32ft 6 in.

British Army Hockey XI

The British Army, in their Quadrangular Hockey Tournament match against the Club at King's Park on Tuesday, will be represented by the following:
L/Cpl Dove (Signals); Cpl Never (Royal Scots); Bdr Anderson (R.A.); Sgt Crowley (Middlesex); Sgt Croston (R.E.); Sgt Waldron (Middlesex); Cpl Singleton (R.E.); Pte Sheehan (Middlesex); Pte Mitchell (Royal Scots); L/Cpl Shaw (R.E.); Capt. J. Seton (R.E.); Capt. Rogers (R.E.); Cpl Alley (Royal Scots) and L/Sgt Taylor (R.E.).

Crucial Matches

To-morrow

(Continued from Page 4.)

Indians at 1 p.m. The league leaders can just about clinch the senior championship with a win over the Indians, but a terrific struggle is anticipated as Nazarin's cohort stage a last ditch stand for pennant honours. The Indians are in a class by themselves out there on the diamond, fielding the old ball in spectacular "razzle dazzle" fashion.

However the wily Saint ball-hawks pack dynamite power with the willowed bottle axe, giving this colossal encounter a perfect "power slugging vs. classy fielding" set-up.

Moundsman Nazzy Nazarin appears to have the edge over Saint hurler Frankie Gonzales, but the Leonard-men's superior clouding attack should find the Indian hurler in a tougher spot. Umpires booked to call this one are Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo.

AT 2.15 p.m. A. M. Omar's Cyclones will attempt to top off their season with a win over Abe Liu's Chinese Baseballers with Sid Povlanski, Al Leonard and Nazarin calling them. The hurricane gang played terrible flustered ball last week—in bowing to the Saints and must display flashier form to dispose of the huddling Chinese Clubbers. Wally Ching's return to the infield has greatly strengthened the Lumen who have played all season with scratch lineups.

Junior Mar, in his first starry game last Sunday, has gained plenty of confidence, and will again patrol the Chinese right field plot.

In the nightcap at 3.30 p.m. the marauding Mohawks conclude their league schedule, playing against the rock-bottom Canadian Chinese as Al Leonard, Baker and Stan Leonard give vent to their voices.

In a last desperate bid to break "lumpy, dumpty" well-known hold on the bottom fence, the Maple Leaf's are making a drastic rearrangement in their lineup, bringing up Ernie Louis, fresh from the sticks around Calgary and brother Paul who will do patrol duty in the outfield.

The Tribe should take this game with the slightest effort to retain their mathematical chance in the pennant fight. The new Mohawk infield combination of Frankie Crews, Johnny Johnson, Pete Fitch and Joey Schenberg functioned smoothly against the Filipino Clubbers and will probably be in there intact, against the Canucks to-morrow.

RACING HANDICAPS FOR COMING SATURDAY

Following are the handicaps for the First Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held next Saturday:

Noon's Ponds Handicap (one mile).—Ahr (130), A. Roaring Time (130), Conner (130), Contact (130), Criffo (130), Derby Day (130), Devonian (130), Flying Dutchman (130), Franklin (130), Income Tax (130), Piccadilly Jim (130), Tump-nickel (130), Rowan (130), Springhurst (130), Vixen Tor (130).
Broadmeadows Handicap (one mile).—Annabella (130), Bredon (130), Bruno (130), Cheerful Star (130), Cockleol (130), Double Finesse (130), Maple Star (130), Quick Despatch (130), Sea Jay (130), Shuttlecock (130), Spring Shine (130), Willoughby Star (130), Venus Day (130), Winnie (130).

Stiff Encounter For Eastern

(Continued from Page 4.)

past understanding and combination can once again be brought into play, with Lapsley as good as ever, they should at least take the field with confidence. Maxwell should be able to make his presence felt in the middle line.

With Blake's bustling methods in the forward line, the Scots will have to look out for shock tactics; White and Pereira are the brains of the attack, and should be able to partner with their wingers. The match may yet develop into a test between the respective defences, and whichever holds out, the chances are in their favour.



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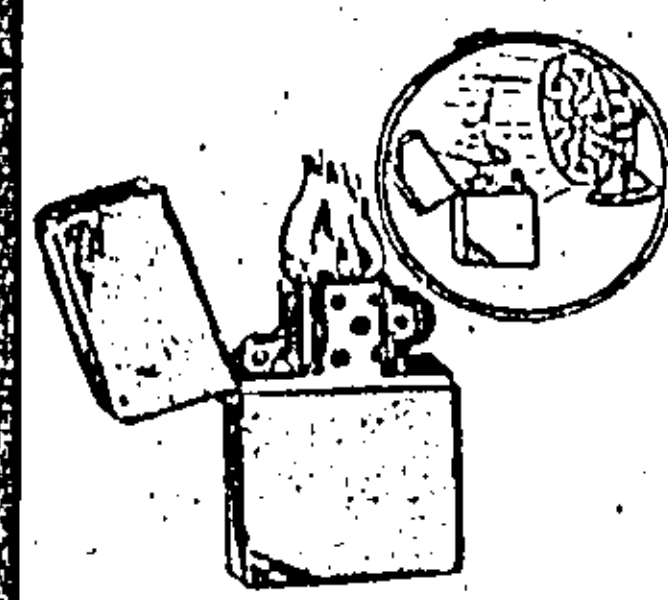


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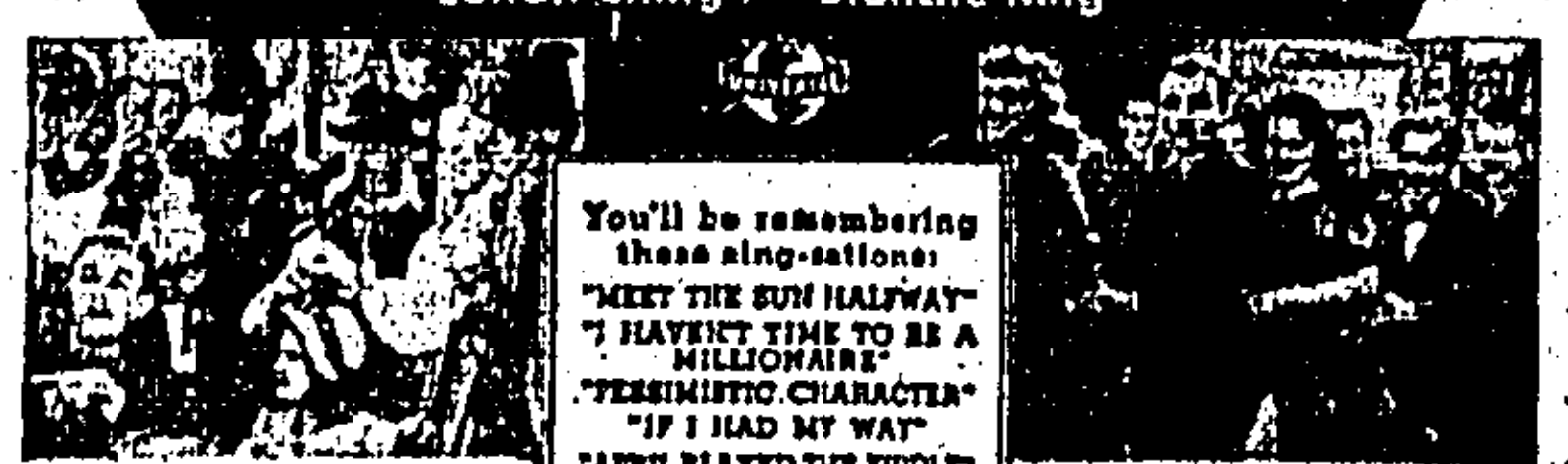
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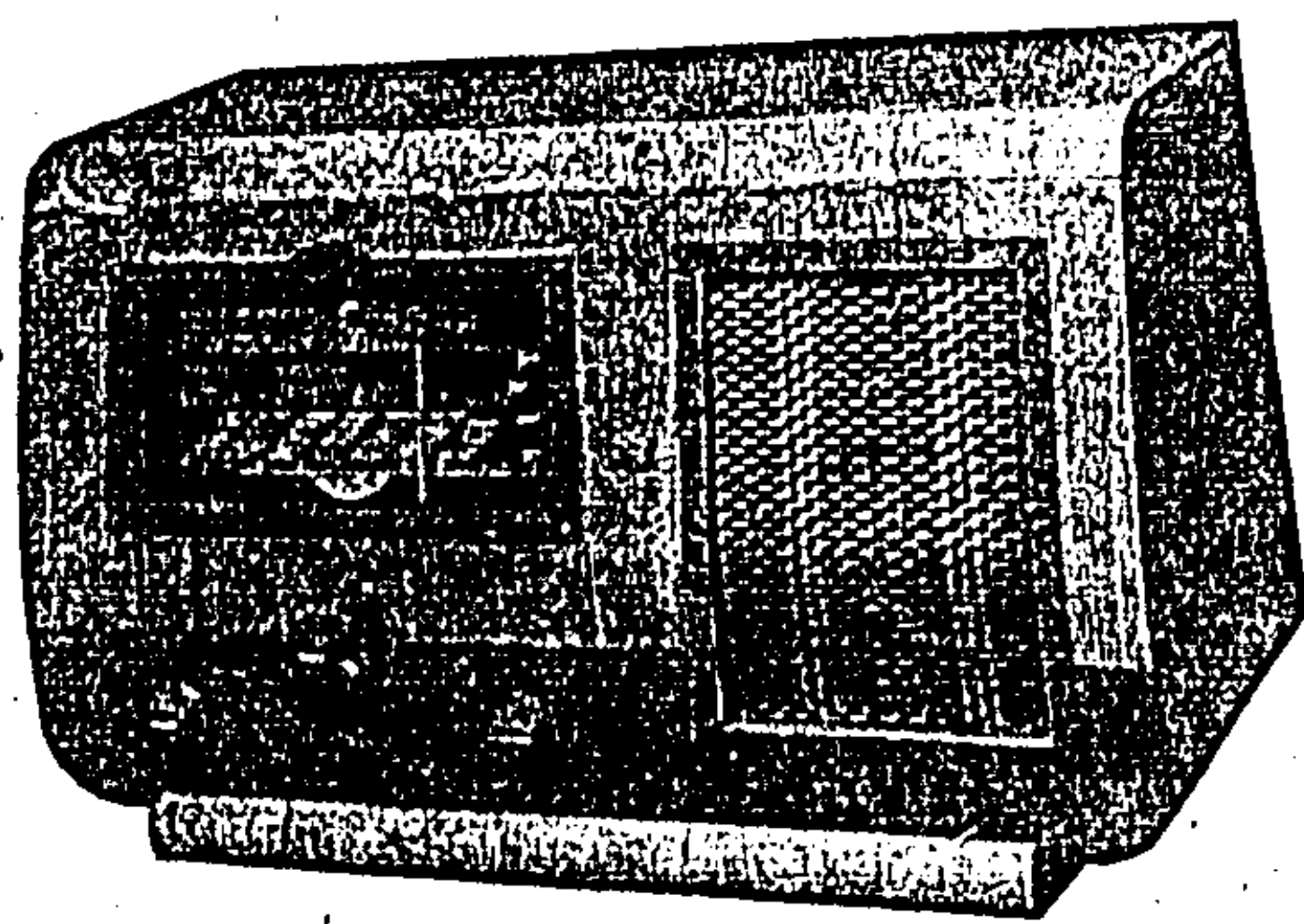
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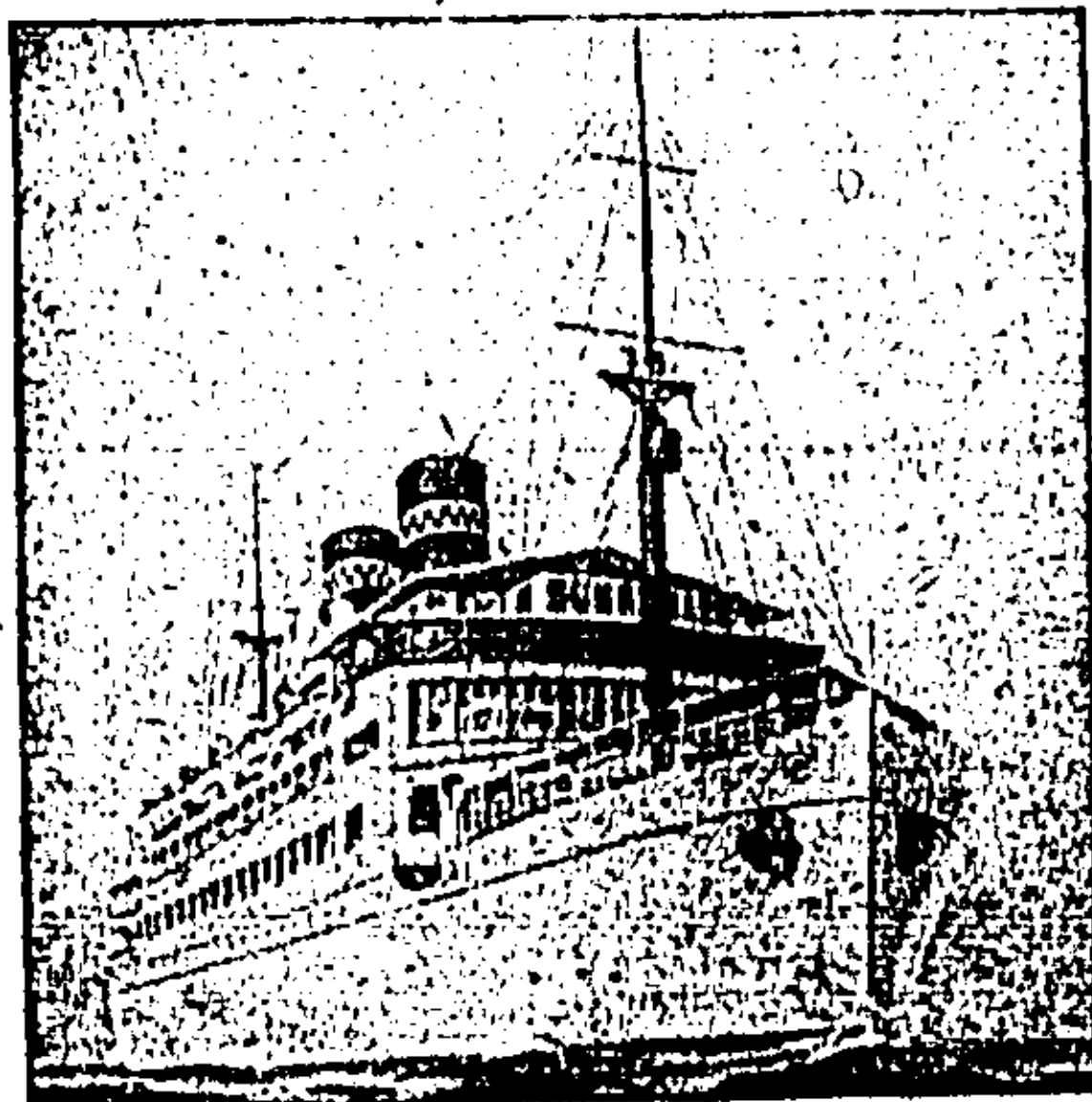
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NIGHT-SOIL DEBATE

WORDS were not minced at Thursday's Legislative Council's discussion of the night-soil problem. The cleavage in opinion was sharp. To the Government spokesmen the present system of night-soil carrying is wholly unsatisfactory and its dangers have reached a stage when drastic changes are called for; to the Unofficials there is strong doubt whether Government control will produce better results, while they also feel ill disposed to thrust a new financial burden on the rate-payers.

These were the fundamentals of the debate, but there were tributary questions such as the influence of vested interests; the standing off of workers; the advisability of making changes at this particular time.

Judged merely on merits of debate, the cogent arguments of the D.M.S., and Mr. Carrie were decidedly more impressive than the plaints of the Unofficials. Reduced to its simplest terms the problem of night-soil carrying is this: (a) that the existing system is and always has been unsatisfactory, except for those who make money out of it; (b) it is of vital necessity that an improvement be made. The Unofficials are completely justified in exploring the whole issue before making a decision, but a little more constructiveness in their criticism would be welcome. The net result of the debate was, that apart from casting doubts on the efficiency of government control, no valid argument was advanced against the official scheme. The D.M.S. gave an assurance that the proposed change-over was the shape of better things to come, and he outlined them; Mr. Carrie illustrated how desirable it was that the change should be gradual and not violent; both gentlemen, as Government representatives, have a passionate desire to see an improvement in the methods of night-soil carrying, and there seems to be no reason why they should not be given the opportunity of demonstrating whether this is possible of achievement.

Government has no ulterior interests at stake, save of seeing that the work is carried out at the least expense of the rate-payers without conceding efficiency. Private enterprise has not made a very good job of the work, apart from the accruing of substantial profits; therefore it seems high time that somebody else was given the chance of effecting improvement. The health of the Colony demands this.

British Strike From East into Abyssinia

CAIRO, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The British forces in Italian Somaliland are steadily progressing along the main road leading from Mogadiscio to Jijica in Abyssinia.

This is announced in a communique from British Headquarters. The communique adds that operations in other areas in Italian Somaliland continue to develop to our advantage.

Concerning operations further north in Abyssinia, the communique states that British forces on patrol on the Gondar road are now east of Ammin. Abyssinian patriot forces are operating against the Italian garrison withdrawing from Burje, capturing 300 prisoners, four field guns and they have also shot down one Italian aircraft.

In addition, 1,700 deserters from the Italian side have entered the British lines.

From Libya and Eritrea there is nothing to report.

Air Operations

The R.A.F. and South African Air Force were very active on Wednesday and Thursday, particularly in the Keren area. Troops, gun positions, motor transport and other military targets such as road junctions and railways were bombed and machine-gunned.

Flying-boats moored at Zulu were machine-gunned.

An attack was made on the supply depot at Asmara.

Continued support was given to the British troops advancing in Italian East Africa.

The R.A.F. successfully bombed Italian artillery positions at Luzarti, Albania.

All British aircraft returned safely except the one lost at Malta.

Gains In Figures

CAIRO, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The British forces, who in three weeks have cleared Italian Somaliland up to the river Shabelle and have crossed into Abyssinia, are now in possession of an area equal to that of the British Isles.

Their hurricane advance they have occupied more than 100,000 square miles and have accounted for 21,000 soldiers in dead or captured, of whom many were Europeans.

Apart from in the air at present, there is no contact between the British forces and the retreating Italian columns.

Importance Of Lofoten Is. Raid

—FROM PAGE ONE

of Vestvannoy. A Norwegian official to-day told the press: "When the ships arrived off the Islands, powerful loud speakers broadcast messages to the local populations telling them that friends were at hand and suggesting that crews would be willing to take any who would like to come to Britain and join the Norwegian free forces."

Hundreds of young men immediately lined up on the shore. This was the chance of a life time and they took it. Our forces were there for several hours allowing the young men to go to their homes and get their best clothes and pack up all they wanted to bring with them. Among the patriots numbering about 300, very few were married, but they had been trained for the last fighting and formed part of the Norwegian Expeditionary Force that is now being trained in this country under Norwegian officers."

Germans Testy

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (UP).—Press dispatches from Oslo say the Reich Commissioner to Norway, Josef Terboven to-day declared that a state of emergency existed at Lofoten Island and he fined the population 100,000 crowns following the British raid last Tuesday.

Press reports say that several persons were arrested and charged with aiding the British, one being executed. The Norwegians must also provide for the families of all the Germans captured. All property of the Norwegians who joined the British will be confiscated and the houses burned. The Oslo newspapers issued a warning to the nation against opposing the Germans or believing in British propaganda.

Less Than Hour

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The British round-up of the Lofoten Islands took less than an hour, Josef Speaking in broken English, a young German among those captured in the raid told a "Reuter" reporter at a northern railway station to-night that none of them was able to offer any resistance to the landing force.

"Your sailors just surrounded us and we could not do anything. It was all over in 30 or 40 minutes," he added.

Then Quilings appeared to be in a despondent mood in contrast to the cheerfulness of the Germans.

Single Aircraft Raid Britain

Bombs On N.E. Scotland

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Single enemy aircraft have been active to-day in various parts of England.

Bombs were dropped at one point in north-east Scotland with little effect but a number of persons were killed and others were injured in the Midlands where some buildings were damaged.

Incidents, says the Air Ministry, were reported from several other areas, especially along the east coast, but damage nowhere was serious and casualties were very few.

Europe And Far East Discussed

Washington Parley

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—British, Australian and United States diplomatic representatives to-day conferred on Europe and the Far East.

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, told reporters that the diplomats reached a common agreement in judging and estimating developments in the two spheres.

Lord Halifax and Mr. R.G. Casey, the Australian Minister, talked for an hour with Mr. Cordell Hull, after which Lord Halifax, in an interview, said: "I think we are in very common agreement about the values of the facts and information we have had. It is good to know that we see them very much alike."

Lord Halifax described their view of the situation as "balanced" rather than optimistic.

Discussing British shipping losses, the British Ambassador said that he had the official figures for February showing that the German sinking claims were "almost exactly three times in excess of the truth."

Administration's Victory In Bill Vote

—FROM PAGE ONE

Senator Alben Barkley forecast that the Senate would pass the Bill to-morrow night.

He told reporters that he would seek another night session on Saturday night in addition to to-night's, in order to obtain the Bill's passage. Senator Gerald Nye (who is in opposition), maintained that a final vote was impossible before next week.

Roosevelt On Delay

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Every day's delay in the Aid to Britain Bill would affect the deliveries of war materials to the democracies a little later on, declared President Roosevelt at his press conference to-day.

Asked whether the present delay was having a serious effect, President Roosevelt at first replied that he had better not answer. He then added that reporters were aware that he had stated, ever since the Bill went to Congress, that perhaps the present time, February or early March, did not affect the immediate aid to the democracies but it would affect the deliveries a little later.

Referring to war materials, the President said that the United States industry of the present-but-insufficient nickel was coming in to supply the Army, Navy and civilian requirements.

Labour Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt disclosed at a press conference to-day that he was considering the creation of a Labour Board to act as a mediation agency to consider the problems of labour production and other factors concerning labour disputes in the interests of defence.

Food Importers To Register

Mr D. L. Newbigging, Controller of Food, has issued the following statement for general information: "With reference to Government Notification 605 of June 14, 1940, and 1351 of December 13, 1940, all firms, hongs, companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hongkong from the United Kingdom are required to register themselves at the office of the Controller of Food by March 15 or before March 15, 1941, when a number will be allotted to them in connexion with permission to import into this Colony from the United Kingdom. Importers are warned that failure to register by March 15 may involve refusal of such permission if application is received at a later date."

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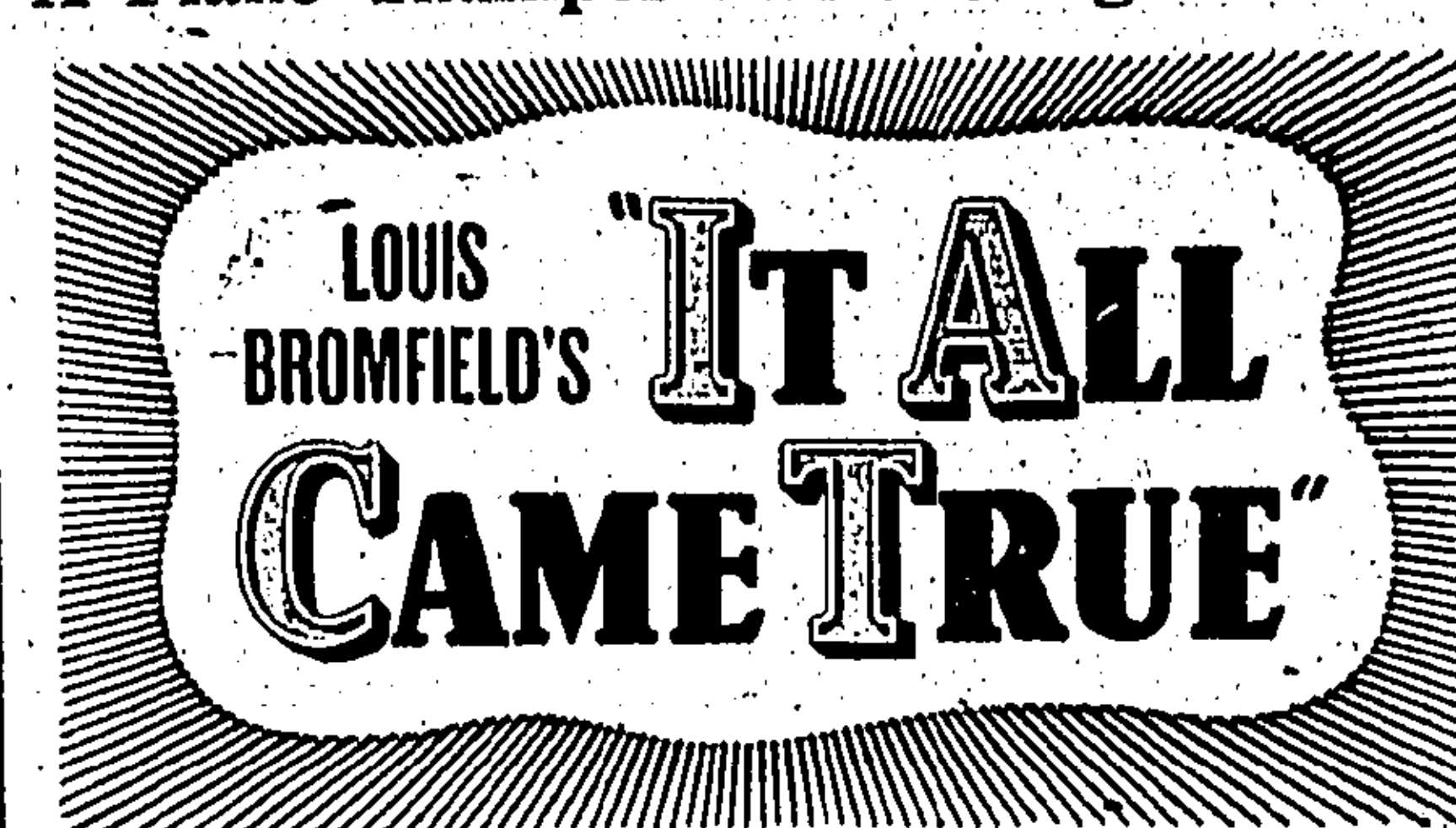
Defence Reserve

The following persons have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve:—Mr R. H. Wild, with effect from February 2; Mr T. S. Maher, with effect from March 1; Mr E. R. Anagab, with effect from March 4; Mr S. L. Lloyd has been appointed to act as Organiser of the General Group of the Essential Services of the Hongkong Defence Reserve during the absence from the Colony of Mr J. K. Bousfield, M.C.

Mr D. M. Munro has been appointed to be an Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from February 9.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Viceroy has appealed to all religions in India to observe March 23 as a national day of prayer with the people of the United Kingdom.

An Absorbing Tale of a Torch Singer, A Piano Thumper and a Gangster Boss



A Warner Bros. picture coming to Hongkong next week. The cast includes ANN SHERIDAN as Sal; JEFFREY LYNN as Tommy; HUMPHREY BOGART as Mr. Grasselli; SAZU PITTS as Miss Flint; JESSIE BUSLEY as Mrs. Taylor and UNA O'CONNOR as Maggie Ryan.

Serialized by HARRY LEE.

THE STORY SO FAR: When Miss Minnie died she left her brownstone house, its furnishings, and its four ancient boarders, to the cook, Maggie Ryan, and the maid, Nora Taylor. The new owners refused to evict the old people even though times were hard. Nora hadn't seen her son Tommy for over five years. Maggie's beautiful, hard-bolled daughter was a singer of torch songs. She dashed home after losing her job and beating up the boss. Nora's son Tommy had been playing piano in a tough joint and totting the cat for the proprietor. The place was raided and the boss smashed the gun from Tommy and fired on his informer. Threatening Tommy with the fact that he can pin the blame for the shooting on him, he practically forces him to bring the boss, Grasselli to his mother's boarding house, "till the trouble blows over."

CHAPTER 2

NORAH, overjoyed to have her son home again, readily accepted his story that the new boarder, Mr. Grasselli, had had a nervous breakdown, and that the doctor had ordered him to stay in his room and to take his meals there. After getting his unwanted guest quartered for the night, Tommy, condemning himself, went to ly to see him, but she also knew that his own old room where his mother they'd be going it, like cats and dogs was turning down the covers. He in no time, if she did, she vowed sat down on the bed and she thought she wouldn't squabble this time, how tired he looked. "Why didn't Her eyes were shining as she tip you write to me, darlin'?" she said softly.

"Because I didn't want to come till I was successful. I wouldn't have come to-night . . . only . . ."

She stood watching him, her lips curved into a tender smile, until he came to-night . . . only . . . As wheeled around suddenly and saw he hesitated she stooped and kissed her.

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"And never a word to your old mother, and her 'most crazy sometimes . . ."

"I don't need you," darting a glance at her, "to tell me about it!"

"No, you don't need anybody, for anything, do you?"

"If you mean I can take care of myself, you're right!"

"Judging by your looks you've been making a swell job of it."

"I've been doing all right."

"Yeah, you've been doing fine—ever since you went away to college and pretended to your swell friends you were an orphan, and a nephew of poor Miss Minnie! Just wait till I tell your Ma that you left home because you felt that she—and Maggie—and the chorus girl—and the funny boarders were too great a handicap for any young man who planned to get on in the world! Then she'll take back all those tears she sopped up her pillow with!"

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Y.W.C.A. COMMUNITY SERVICE

The activities of the Hongkong Young Women's Christian Association are manifold, and much good work is performed quietly and unobtrusively. It is to call attention to the fine Christian work of the organisation in forming good citizenship and in helping other people that the "Telegraph" is publishing the pictures on this page, which illustrate only some aspects of the work.



ABOVE
A group of members of the Business Girls' Club gathered for a conference under the president, Miss Chan Chuk-sing (right).

BELOW

A Youth Service Corps at the front. The Corps is organised and trained by the Y.W.C.A., with the support of other women's organisations in Hongkong. This group has been working in Kwangtung for two years.



BELOW

Student Council of representatives from various Hongkong schools meeting to plan student activities, including war-time service, contests, debates, concerts and work amongst refugee students.



RIGHT

Picture of the Industrial Girls' Council in one of the hostels maintained by the Y.W.C.A. Activities include a night school, which teaches the girls to read and write and prepares them for educational work in their own neighbourhoods.



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Morrison
on the
Brave New
World

ERNEST BEVIN'S declaration that his war aim was "social security" got him into trouble.

Tory papers that usually represent the views of Industrialism led the attack. In other circles there was a certain restiveness.

Then what will happen after Herbert Morrison's expression of his hopes for a post-war world, heard at a great war interest lunch at the Dorchester? For he went much further.

HE was tactful enough, apart from one playful thrust at Beaverbrook. Even that was a jab with a smile behind it. "We have got splendid isolation at last," he said. "I will leave that to my noble friend, the Minister of Aircraft Production."

Beaverbrook will enjoy that. He smiled even when told that, replying to Churchill's phrase, "Beaverbrook is a magellan," Bevin had said, "You mean an illusionist."

MORRISON, elaborating the Bevin speech to Rotarians, said that people could lose their homes because of social insecurity as well as because of bombs. He urged that the sacrifices of war-time, made willingly by the rich, should continue when peace came.

IT is significant that Lord Nuffield said to Lord Nathan, the chairman, afterwards: "I agree with every word of the speech—and I am a millionaire."

Still, Nuffield sometimes tells people he was happiest when he ran his cycle repair shop.

WHAT will be Labour's views about the strength of our armed forces after the war? Morrison, prefacing his own ideas about that with the phrase, "They may seem strange words from me," said: "It is vital that at the end of the war there shall be a preponderant striking power in the hands of the democracies."

When he followed with the admission that the lack of that had been the weakness of European democracy since the last war, there was a "bravo!"

THE insistence that Europe would need an international police force to make sovereign States behave themselves, and to see that an air force was not, as now, "the tommy-gun of the international gangster," was applauded at the time.

Afterwards, however, a knighted ex-Civil Servant said to me "That is the old League of Nations all over again." His companion went on to denounce "that old talking-shop."

So we began another argument. Then a newspaper magnate remarked, mournfully, "I hope he doesn't mean by 'sacrifice' the same income tax."

STILL, Morrison's plea for a new international order, and a new national policy, both based on security, were made with tact and humour.

When he said that it was too late now for the negative virtues of nineteenth-century Liberalism, he hastily added, being a Minister, that he was not criticising Liberals, or indeed, any political group: "I cannot, because we are a mixed lot."

THIS IS A
WAR OF PRISONERS
by JOHN SLEE

EVENTS of the past fifteen months appear to prove that the soldier of this war stands a much greater chance of being wounded or killed. This is the paradoxical sequel to the employment of the greatest array of lethal weapons ever used in any war.

Ever since the Great War military engineers and scientists have been developing what they call "fire power."

"Fire power" seeks to equip every individual soldier not with one weapon but with many, all capable of killing the greatest number of the enemy in the shortest possible time with the minimum amount of effort.

Figures Tell

But rifles, Bren guns, Lewis guns, tommy guns, trench mortars, hand grenades, artillery of all kinds, bombs of all kinds have all contrived so far to laugh up their muzzles at their inventors.

For their tremendous killing power has resulted, not in killing hundreds of thousands of men, but in keeping them alive.

I am not advancing this as a final conclusion to be drawn from modern war. It is far too early to draw any sound conclusions. But look at the following figures.

In the first fifteen months of this war the British Army lost just over 5,000 officers and men killed, 11,000 wounded, and 14,000 missing. But it lost 44,000 officers and men as prisoners of war in the same period.

Nearly nine times as many men taken prisoner as there were men killed.

Ah! you will say, but the capture of all those British prisoners was not due to military causes but to the social causes which resulted in the defection of Belgium and the collapse of France.

Well, there is something in that claim and we will admit that the battles of France and Belgium are not good examples.

We will also admit that Norway was not in a position to fight effectively and that Denmark did not fight at all.

Yet it may be that Norway and Denmark knew it was useless to fight against such an array of "fire-power." It may be, also, that France and Belgium were over-awed by the same thought.

Turn to the German side of the picture. It was Germany who started the war with a great preponderance of "fire-power" and she protected it with armour in armoured columns and gave it speed through mechanisation. Germany has taken more than 2,000,000 prisoners.

Eleven Millions

In the four years of the Great War the British lost altogether as prisoners of war only just over 350,000 officers and men out of a total of eleven million casualties suffered by both sides. (Many officers and men twice or thrice wounded go to make up that total.)

Yet in the first fifteen months of the present war Germany has lost, in all classes of casualties, no more than 800,000 officers and men.

The eleven million casualties of 1914-18 were largely the result of trench warfare; the 800,000 German casualties largely the result of open warfare.

It may be argued that treachery and corruption, largely created in countries like France, Belgium, Norway and Denmark in preparation for the German tanks and dive-bombers, destroys the purely military aspect of this comparison.

Thank "Fire Power"

Perhaps the conditions in these conquered countries threw the value of the purely military German war machine out of all proportion.

That claim, however, could not be advanced in extenuation of the Italian defeat in the Western Desert. There has been no such sinister preparation of the ground here for the British tanks and aeroplanes.

It has been asserted that some of the Italians have no stomach for this fight; but accounts acclaim the gallantry of most of the Italian and native regiments there.

Sir Archibald Wavell's stroke represents mechanised warfare in its purest and most brilliant light. It is the first purely military achievement in this form of war against an enemy, not merely of equal strength, but of much greater numbers.

And here 30,000 Italian prisoners can thank British "fire power" for their lives. Perhaps many more Italians will be blessing it (also as prisoners of war) within the next few days.

Raking Them In

The Greco-Italian campaign in Albania lends further support to the idea that this is a war of prisoners rather than of killed and wounded. Here is a country all against widespread mechanised warfare, but the Greeks go on taking prisoners every day out of all proportion to the number of casualties.

Birth Rate
Goes Up

THE Registrar-General has just announced a new high record for marriages in England and Wales—an increase of 75,038 over the previous year.

And that means, almost certainly, that the birth-rate will later jump proportionately.

Already, in fact, the war-time birth-rate is exceeding peace-time figures—a fact which apparently supports the well-known platitude that births—particularly of baby boys—are always more frequent in war-time.

It is supposed to be "Nature's way of making good the wastage of war." Actually, there is small support for that belief in the official records. An examination of 1914-18 statistics shows no increase at all.

Certainly, more boy babies arrived than girls—but the same applies, for instance, to the year 1938.

It was not until 1920, the first year of real peace, that the birth-rate rocketed from 660,000 to 677,000—the highest figure ever recorded in this country. Since then, it has been around 600,000. I gather that this year we may get near the 1920 mark.

But now, with a great war raging, the birth-rate at last goes up!

Large portions of the population have been on the move. Homes have been broken up at a few hours' notice. In fact, very few women to-day dare hope to give birth to their children in their own homes.

Perhaps one explanation is that dependent allowances for men in the Services have been increased. The soldier's wife knows that wherever she may be, she is within reach of a maternity centre.

Then there are thousands of trained maternity nurses whose organisation covers every county with a war-time service.

Also, they never attend a case without their analgesic apparatus, whereby the patient herself administers pain-relieving gas. Thus, this boon is now available to the poorest mother.

There are yet other reassuring factors. Milk is made available to all mothers, and to children under five, at a reduced price of 2d. a pint. In some cases, it is even supplied free of cost.

Knowledge such as this is giving the wife of to-day courage and confidence in the difficult hours which 14,000 mothers every week are facing for the sake of a future generation.—P. A. A.

THEIR BOMBING OF
BRITAIN IS FINISHED
Different types of Nazi
airmen-prisoners of war—



This specialised, studious youth and his—



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—An unshaven chin looked as though long hours had been this man's fate.

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IF SPAIN COMES IN

Answers to: Will she or won't she? Can Gibraltar hold? BY
HENRY BUCKLEY

LISBON. I HAD raised my voice to make the colonel hear me. Lisbon's Avenida Palace's narrow bar is crowded these days, and there is the noisy babble of tongues from the throng of smartly dressed refugees.

Colonel X, a distinguished military expert of a neutral power, sat next to me at a marble-topped table drinking port, and I repeated my question, "Suppose Spain should enter the war, what do you think the main objective would be?"

The colonel, who knows Spain well, fingered the stem of his glass reflectively. He was one of the first military experts to draw attention to the new tactics of modern warfare being practised in the civil war.

He replied: "Gibraltar would doubtless be the main objective, particularly with a view to annulling it as a naval base. This would permit France to have an easier and more direct communication with her North African ports, particularly Oran, without interference from British patrols. It would help the transport of food to France from Morocco, and also enable swifter intervention from Europe in the case of internal discontent in Morocco or an attempt by the British to land in Morocco."

THEN I asked a question which I had wanted to ask some one technically fitted to give an opinion on for many weeks. "Tell me, colonel, what effect has the development of modern arms had on the invulnerability of Gibraltar?"

The colonel replied: "Two factors directly affect its use as a naval base should Spain attack: First, the vastly increased firing range of modern artillery, and, secondly, the danger from air attacks on vessels necessarily lying close together in the small port."

"Unlike the days when Gibraltar was last attacked, over 100 years ago, artillery now would not be situated near the Rock. To-day the Rock and port could be placed under a steady barrage from guns situated behind hills a considerable distance away, self-supporting."

from batteries scattered over a large area which could change positions easily, so that it would not be easy to silence them.

"But for all that, the fact still remains, of course, that the Rock would be likely to hold out firmly and its big guns would still dominate the straits."

"If the naval base of Gibraltar could not be fully used as the centre of the British blockade activities, these would have to be carried out from Britain in the north or Bathurst in the south, which would mean that it would be exceedingly difficult to carry out any close blockade either on the Spanish peninsula or North Africa."

AN Irishman recently arrived from Spain chipped into the conversation, "Very nice and logical comments, colonel, but I have just come from Spain, which is very hungry and has little petrol, and which, in my opinion, doesn't want war."

"I think the Spanish soldiers had enough war after two and a half years of civil war. Do you think it would really be worth Spain's while to go through all this just in order to try to capture Gibraltar, which would, as you yourself say, prove very difficult to capture?"

The colonel asked Domingo, the barman, who is Catalan and makes excellent Martinis, to bring some more port. Then he answered: "In every army there are three classes of men. Those who like war. Those who don't mind fighting but want to get back to their homes and normal occupations as soon as possible. Those who don't like soldiering at all."

"Now, I inspected some of General Franco's troops on the Ebro battle front way back in autumn 1938, and it looked to me as if there are a good many of his soldiers who are first-rate soldiers, and come into the first category. Those adventurous souls who, strange as it may seem, enjoy war."

"The food question is more difficult. But the staple Spanish import is wheat at the moment, and from the current harvest she must have some months' supply, for she used to be almost a considerable distance away, self-supporting."

A DIPLOMAT who should know something of what goes on commented, "I motored through Spain from France several months ago, and everywhere I found people very kindly and on the whole very sympathetic towards Britain."

"But I think it should be remembered that possibly the tremendous difficulties facing Spain might just as well encourage her to take a decisive step in the hope of remedying the situation despite the risk involved, as make her withdraw into herself and stay outside the conflict."

"My opinion is that Spain will enter the war within a short time, assuming limited commitments only with regard to the Gibraltar Straits and possible collaboration in North Africa in case of any developments there. My information, too, is that Portugal will remain completely unaffected by Spain's attitude, and that there is no question of spreading the war to the Peninsula as a whole."

AN American reporter who had been listening patiently finally snapped, "I think you are all wrong. I think Hitler will march down into the Peninsula and take it all over and that will be that."

"When I was in Central Europe years ago I saw a map of future Europe issued by German propagandists, and Greater Germany in that included not only the British Isles and France, but also part of Northern Spain. I laughed then, but now I am not so sure."

The colonel did not agree. "I don't see what Hitler can gain by trying to repeat an operation which cost Napoleon so dearly."

"The trouble with all of you is you are trying to figure out logically a war which hasn't shown any logic whatever in its course," answered the American reporter.

And about that time Domingo the barman decided it was time to close the bar for the night.

The Air War Against Ice

by John Cashel

The worst enemy the Royal Air Force has to face—next to the Luftwaffe—is ice.

All the year round, that foe is lurking somewhere in the atmosphere, but winter makes it an urgent problem.

It has to be reckoned with before every machine takes the air. It influences even anti-aircraft gunnery.

Since long before war broke out a special branch of the British Air Ministry has been waging a ceaseless war of its own against ice formation on aircraft. Nazi experts have been doing the same.

On September 3, 1939, neither side had mastered the problem. Certain known vital facts told where and when in the atmosphere the menace is greatest. Chemical paste compositions were being applied to aircraft parts vulnerable to ice formation—wings, engines, controls—but were not entirely successful.

Another method, tried out on civil aircraft, was to attain to the front edge of the wings a long rubber tube, which was expanded by forcing into it a jet of compressed air, thus breaking up the coating of ice.

It is no secret that during last winter's 'Great Freeze' large numbers of aircraft on either side were immobilised by ice. Had either side completely mastered the menace by then it might have been disastrous for the other.

The Great Freeze taught our ice formation experts a lot. New devices were rushed into service. This winter will prove their worth.

Meteorological officers are attached to every important R.A.F. aerodrome. Several times a day their reports go to the Operations Room giving details of weather over this country, or, if it is a coastal or bomber station, of conditions over the seas or enemy territory as well.

The Danger Zone

In every summary is included the "freezing level." Mark those two words. They are two of the most important in flying. Discoveries made known by the meteorologists just before the war made them so.

Freezing level begins on the ground when you find hard frost outside your doorstep. On an average winter's day in this country it begins 3,000 feet up. On an average summer's day, at 10,000 feet.

But wherever it begins, the important thing to fighter and bomber pilot is that for 7,000 feet above the freezing level he is in the ice danger zone.

Within those 7,000 feet minute drops of water are waiting to form into ice on his aircraft, so that the low cloud the bomber seeks as cover may well prove a death-trap.

Higher up, on an average above 10,000 feet in winter or 17,000 in summer, the drops of water have already formed into ice crystals and so will not stick on an aircraft and affect its controls or engines, or force it down by deadweight on the wings. Ice can form in a matter of minutes. Every airman's job is therefore to climb or descend through the ice danger zone as quickly as he can. A Spitfire can do it in just over three minutes.

Ice And Anti-Aircraft

The Nazis know these facts as well as the British and they will govern the height of their winter flying, unless they have, since last winter, devised methods to combat ice formation.

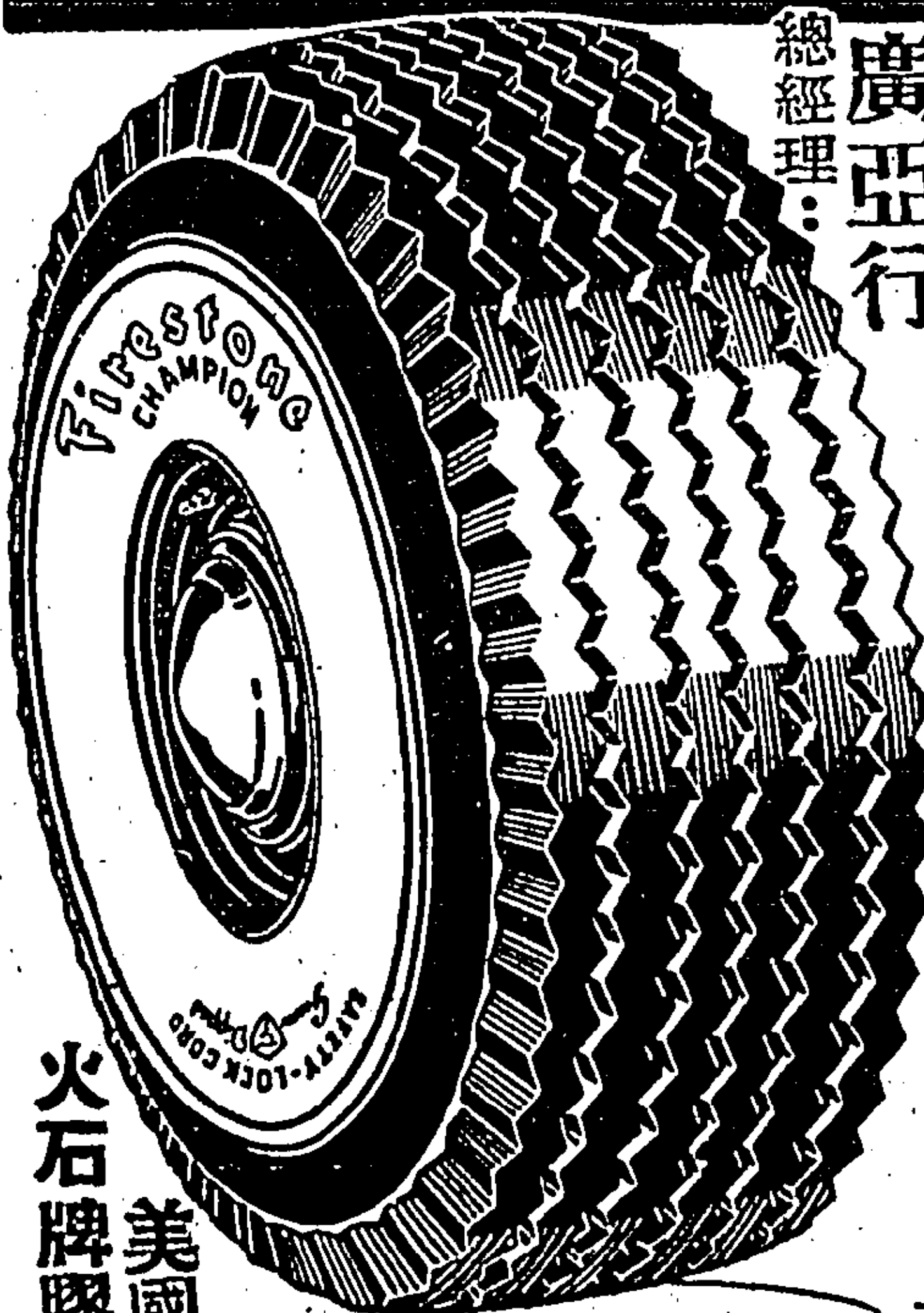
In recent bombing raids the Germans have generally been flying over Britain at heights between 18,000 and 22,000 feet on clear nights, between 12,000 and 18,000 on cloudy nights or still lower if the cloud has been very low.

The shifting ice danger zone will substantially affect the heights at which they fly in the coming months. That is why freezing level information is valuable to our anti-aircraft gunners as well as to our airman.

If the raider avoids the ice-forming zone, the gunners can to some extent gauge his height. And if, instead, he takes cover in low mist and cloud, the drops of freezing water, of which clouds and mists in the ice danger zone are composed, may well do to any such foolhardy raider the job that the Spitfires and the guns are wanting to do.

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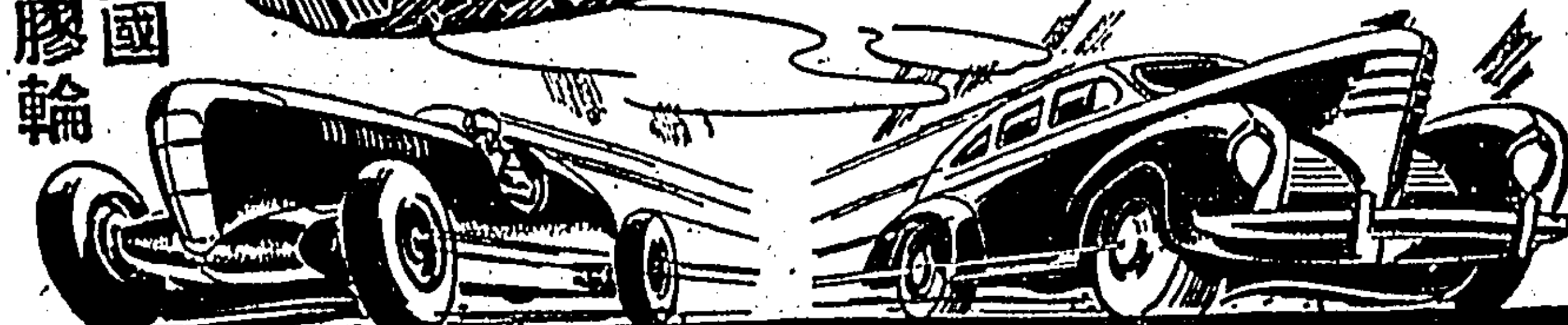
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The Aussies changing the Guard at Battalion Headquarters.



Cook orderlies, who have a big job peeling potatoes for Aussies in one camp alone. Note the native help.



The men in charge of affairs—(left) Major-Gen. H. Gordon Bennet, G.O.C. Australian Imperial Forces in Malaya; (right) Major-Gen. D. M. Murray-Lyon, G.O.C. British Forces, Northern Area, Malaya.



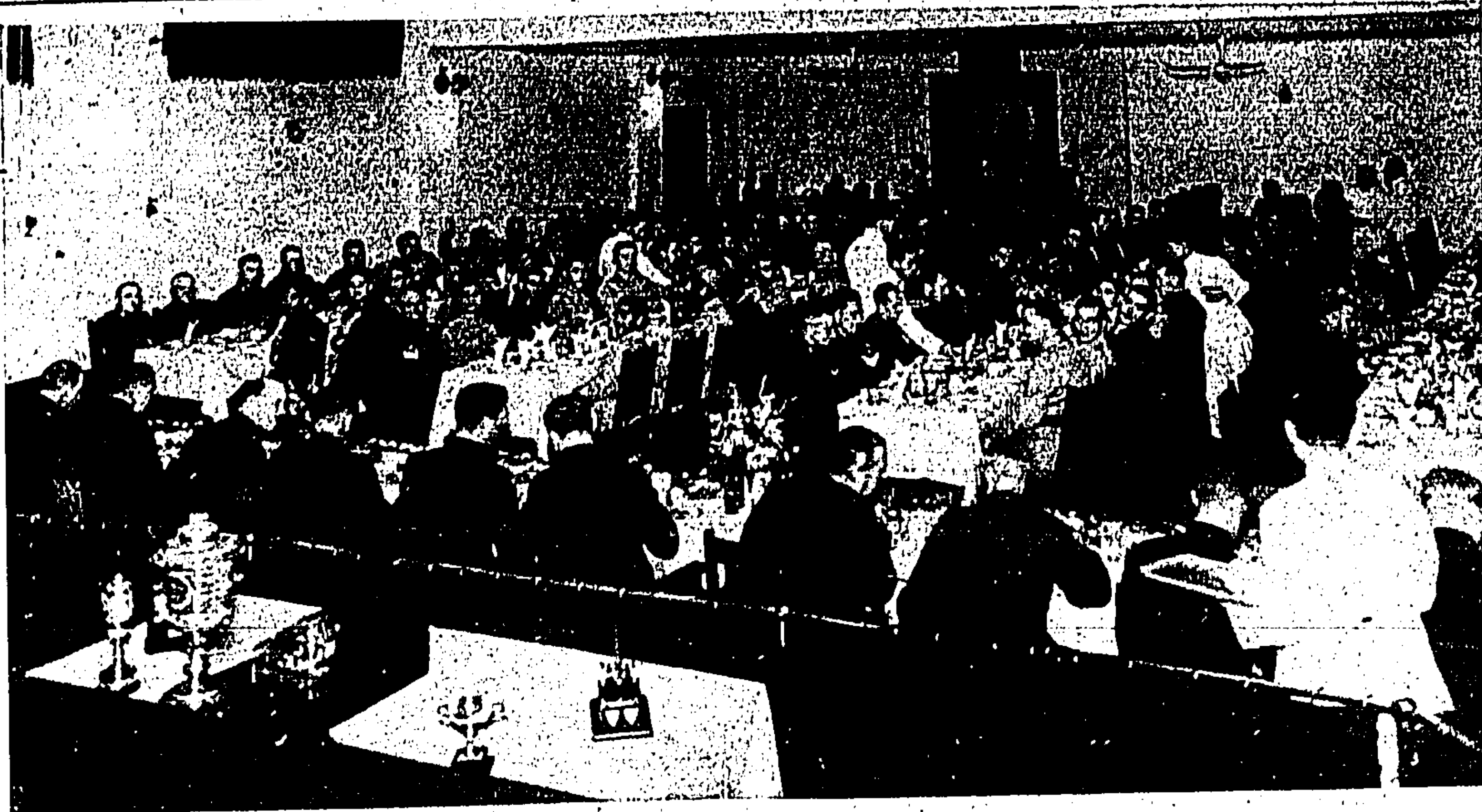
A happy Australian soldier and the company mascot pose for the cameraman.



Aussies going for a dip—at this point no bathing is allowed above knee depth because of the presence of sharks.



Empire defenders from Down Under besiege a small town cabaret. The taxi-dancers work overtime.



THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Corps Artillery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps was held last week at the China Fleet Club, where our cameraman snapped the above picture. (Photo: Moe Cheung).



WAR WORKER FETED—Dr Robert Lim, Director of the Chinese Red Cross Relief Corps, was the guest of honour at luncheon at the Hongkong Hotel last week. Dr Lim is seen addressing the gathering, which included the Right Rev. Ronald Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, and the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CONVERSATION PIECE—Lt-Col H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Pay-Captain E. H. Wothey, who is on the staff of H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton at Singapore, and the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce snapped at the annual race meeting. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



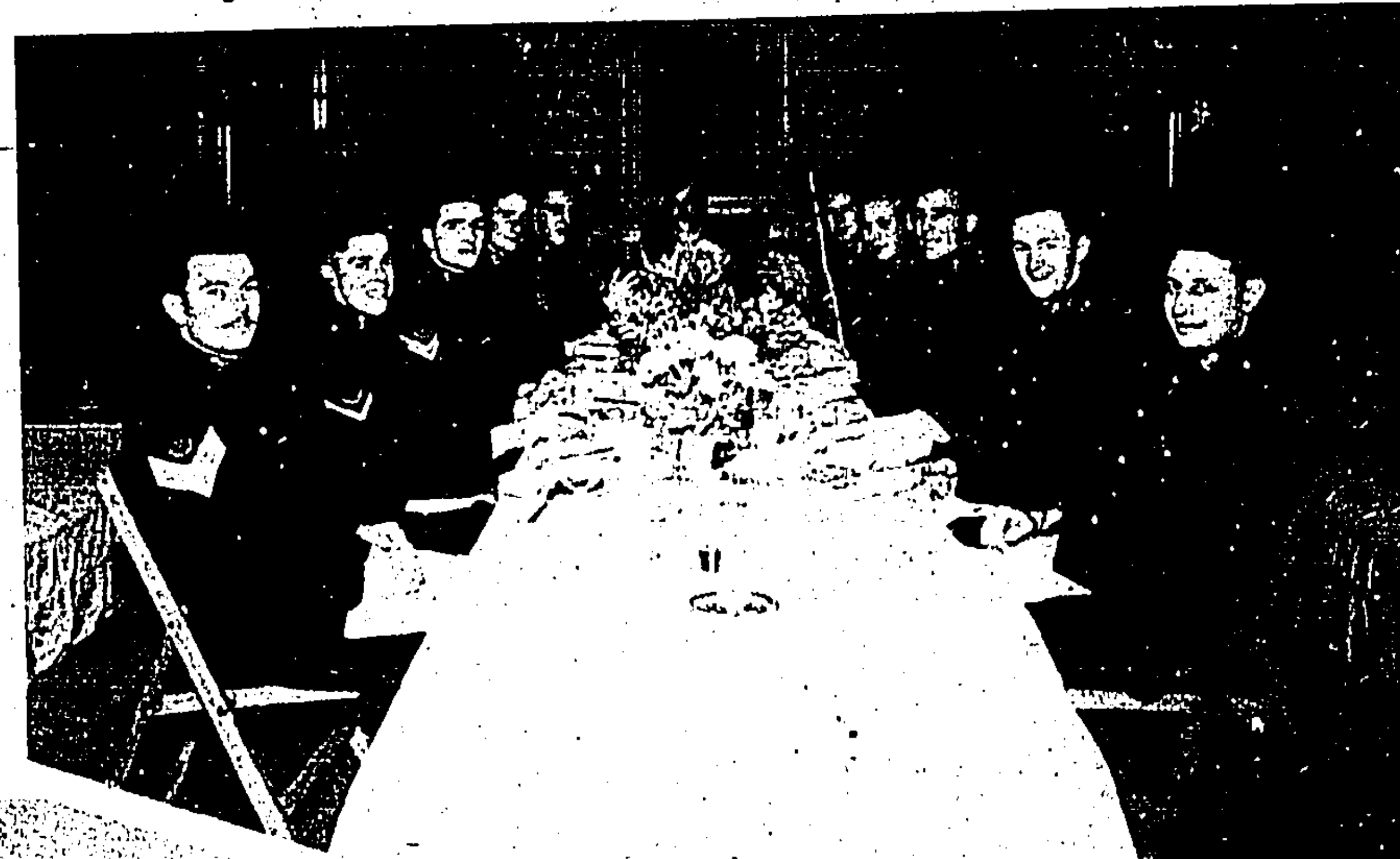
CHILDREN'S SPORTS—Lady MacGregor, wife of the Chief Justice, presenting prizes at the children's sports held last week at the Southern Playground. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



BOXING CHAMPION—Lance Corporal A. McGrady, of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, holder of the middleweight belt, 1938-40. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



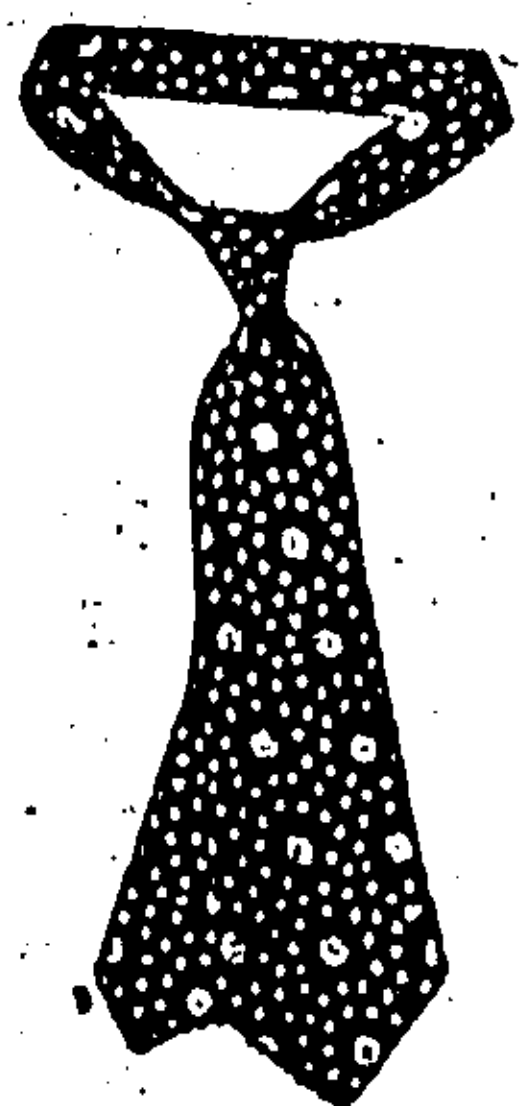
INSURANCE MEN FOREGATHER—Photo taken at the dinner given at the St Francis Hotel by the Chairman and Directors of the Wing On Insurance Co., Ltd. to their staff. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



REUNION DINNER of old comrades at Cafe. Wiseman. Photo shows, left to right, Sgt Lyons, Bdr Tuckley, Bdr Pullar, Bdr Casoy, Sgt Hill, B. S. M. Wood, Sgt Banham, Sgt Marsh, Sgt George, Bdr Stone and Bdr Eland. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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What Are Stalin's Plans?

NO decision has been so difficult for the working-class since 1918 as the determination of its attitude to the Soviet Union.

There has been Moscow's sudden transformation from being the leader of the forces opposed to Fascism to the position of something like a semi-ally; the indefensible attack on Finland in the manner, and almost with the accent, of Fascist aggression; the cold repudiation of all overtures from Britain; the emphatic absorption of the three Baltic States.

All this has made the understanding of Soviet policy a matter of grave difficulty to anyone who does not start from the dogma that whatever the Soviet Government does is necessarily right.

I suggest that the motivation of Soviet policy becomes clear if we build our explanation of its shifts and phases upon the single principle of fear of Hitlerite Germany, intensified, intelligibly enough, by fear of Fascist Japan.

Ever since 1917 the Soviet Union has expected an attack from the capitalist Powers. Her memory of the Intervention is still strong.

The contrast, in the period of appeasement, between British cultivation of Berlin and Rome, and British coldness to Moscow, was a remarkable one.

Why He Did It

Mr Chamberlain's repudiation of every effort at collective security which came from Moscow in the Litvinov period must have reinforced the conviction there that the well-advertised hatred of Hitler for Bolshevism, the possibility that he would seek conquests at the expense of the Soviet Union, were regarded in London with equanimity.

My own view is clear that Stalin turned to Hitler for three reasons:—

(1) He saw no chance of an understanding with

Great Britain after Munich.

(2) He did not, after the destruction of Czechoslovakia, believe that Mr Chamberlain would fight under any circumstances.

(3) Knowing the immense strength of Germany he believed that it was essential to stave off attack by her as long as he could.

Fear of Germany was, I think, the essential key to the Treaty of August 23, 1939.

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The same motive underlay the successful demands on Rumania for the return of Bessarabia.

In the interval between the treaty of August, 1939, and to-day, I am confident, the main implications of Soviet policy have been built round the fear of German strength, prompted by the immense victories the Soviet Union has watched Germany win.

Each of those victories is a contingent threat to Moscow. Each of them has persuaded Stalin that the longer he can maintain an armed neutrality, the stronger he will be for the accounting that, as he must know, will one day come.

Stalin knows that Germany is in a position to strike a staggering blow at the Soviet Union.

For a considerable time, at least, our own power to render him effective aid will be small.

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The essence of Bolshevism is planned production for community consumption; and I believe that its association with dictatorship is an historical circumstance, partly due to the special character of Russian history, and partly due to inability of the Soviet Union to attain confidence in the security of its international position.

It was the search for that security which led Stalin to the German-Soviet alliance.

I suspect that he believed that German demands on Poland would lead to a super-Munich, and that he was insuring himself against its possible consequences.

It was a grievous misjudgment, only intelligible because he had no grasp of what Democratic politics imply, and because he had little real insight into the depth of British unwillingness to see the European continent dominated by a Power like Fascist Germany.

His treaty, though I do not think he realised it, was the effective occasion for the outbreak of war. It was the signal to Hitler that he might embark upon his tremendous gamble.

Since September 3, 1939, Stalin, I am confident, has many times congratulated himself that, thereby, he deflected the weight of Nazi power to the West instead of the East.

Last summer, as he watched the fall of France, he must have been convinced that the democracies were in a helpless position.

Changed Attitude

Now, I believe, he feels less certain. British triumphs in the air, the vigour of our own, and the Greek blows at Italy, the growing aid of America to Britain, must have been adequate already to make him feel that a German victory is at least a dubious matter.

He is not prepared, as yet, to build upon the certainty of a German defeat. Until he sees this prospect, he will sit uneasily on his fence to either combatant.

But he must be growingly aware that a German Victory would be a grave threat to the Soviet Union.

He knows—none better—the inner and ultimate hate of the Axis for Soviet purposes; and he must be aware of the character of its propaganda—that of Father Odo, for example, among Catholic populations.

Realistic Policy

He cannot, either, share the fantastic illusions of Communist sympathisers outside Russia about Russian impregnability.

Soviet security depends upon a British victory. We make possible, and we alone make possible, the continuance of its experiment in social reorganisation.

And the clearer the chance of that victory, the swifter will be the move of the Soviet Union to proclaim its beneficence.

For the character of Fascism makes it the ultimate enemy of working-class hopes. Upon this realisation depends the survival, because the security, of the Soviet Union.

And its realisation of this fact, in its turn, depends upon the overwhelming defeat of Hitler and Mussolini.

To aid in the defeat is the primary obligation of any Socialist who hopes for the success of the Moscow experiment.

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It's Tragic, but . .

It is, of course, a tragic thing for Socialists to see the U.S.S.R., which stood so bravely, under Litvinov, in the van of resistance to Fascist aggression, now preserving a cold silence about its implications.

Britain has, let us remember, no small responsibility for this change.

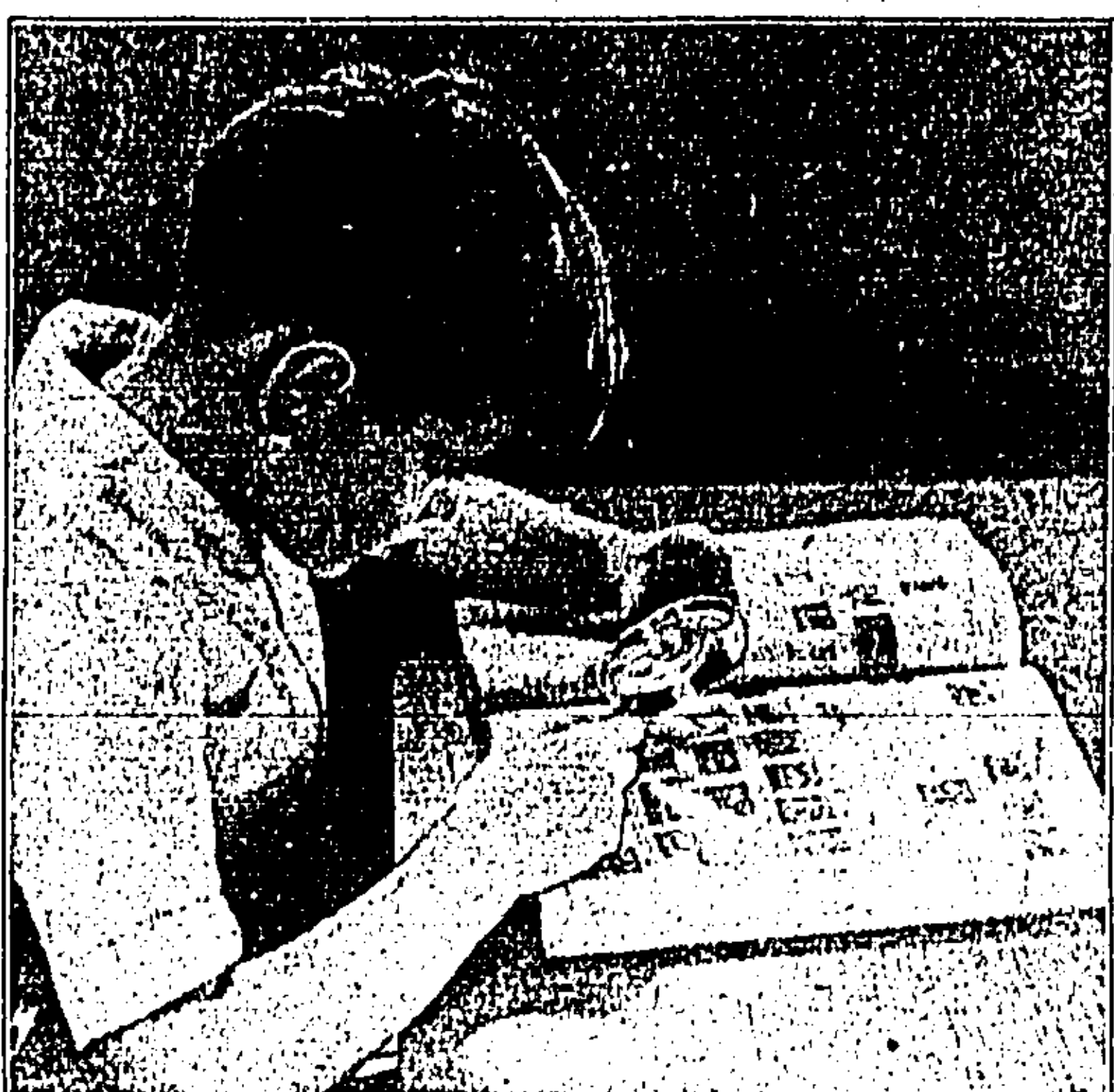
Our own responsibility apart, there are really only two theories between which to choose. There is the view of fear, which I have here accepted; and there is the view, which I emphatically reject, that Nazism and Bolshevism are simply twin aspects of Dictatorship.

I reject that view because, with all its follies and crimes, the underlying principles of Bolshevism seem to me to have nothing in common with the Nazi creed.

The latter, in its essence, is the pursuit of power for its own sake by anti-rational outlaws whose whole outlook and habits proclaim them the enemies of civilised living.

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If you can get two young collec-

tors together, sell them the idea of a "swapping session." You'll get good action, and good expressions. Let one make an offer; the other reject it contemptuously with "Aw, I got a million of those!" Picture another offer, the acceptance, the removal of the stamp from the album—and, finally, the careful youngster as he surveys the empty spot on the page.

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Try it—and see that your young model receives a complete set of good prints for his own. Then you'll always receive a welcome when you come back to take more pictures.

John van Guilder

Strasser and Hitler

NEMESIS? by Douglas Reed. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.

"Nemesis?" is not intentionally a continuation and a development of Rauschning's "The Voice of Destruction." Yet, to all intents and purposes, Douglas Reed might have, indeed, agreed to take up where Dr Rauschning left off as far as the unfolding of Germany's story, past, present and future, is concerned.

"The Voice of Destruction" predicts the Fuehrer's downfall, and wonders what is to become of Germany after the inglorious debacle. Doubts and apprehensions clutch at his throat. He is hoarse again. He feels his pulse. He is afraid. The threads are closing round him.

"Nemesis?" takes up this theme of Hitler's panic and tells with a certainty belied by the telling question mark in the title what will happen after, and who then will be the Man of the Hour.

For Hitler's Nemesis is no one else but the man who founded the Black Front, Otto Strasser, who, loving Germany, feels that she must be saved from the clutches of madness, and loving his brother, Gregor Strasser, would avenge his merciless death at the hands of unscrupulous butchers.

The striking story of Otto Strasser is told in powerful, hate-inspired language by the distinguished author of "Insani-

ty Fair" and "Disgrace Abounding." The bitter hatred against Germany—Hitler's Germany—which the author does not seek to cloak over with even the slightest attempt to be discreet makes the reader feel his healthy sincerity. Take this as propaganda material, he seems to say, but I am not going to change my tone. I shall not declare that all I say is just and untinted with prejudice, that I write thus and so because I feel that "he long has curdled our blood."

Thus he tells the colourful tale of Otto Strasser, whose intellectual Hitler despised, whose sincerity was a foil against the latter's double-facedness, whose clear-mindedness was a distinct contrast to the latter's muddled indecision, whose logic exasperated the latter's illogical

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head, and whose only quality which could find identicalness in the Fuehrer's being is an implacable hatred of his enemies and a sense of vendetta which would stop at nothing.

The two men, Strasser and Hitler, started by supporting the same movement, Socialism, and went in opposing directions only when Strasser found out little by little that they understood the term "socialism" means the gradual raising of unpropertied masses toward the level of those more fortunate, while for Hitler it means the violent lowering of the propertied classes down to the level of the proletariat.

"Socialism on a patriotic basis," Strasser wanted, by reducing the divisions between all classes, "not militarism, with the word 'socialist' tacked onto it to dupe the masses," with despots and their hord of limpet-officials ruling over the people.

FIFTH COLUMN IN AMERICA, by Harold Lavine. Doubleday, Doran, \$2.50.

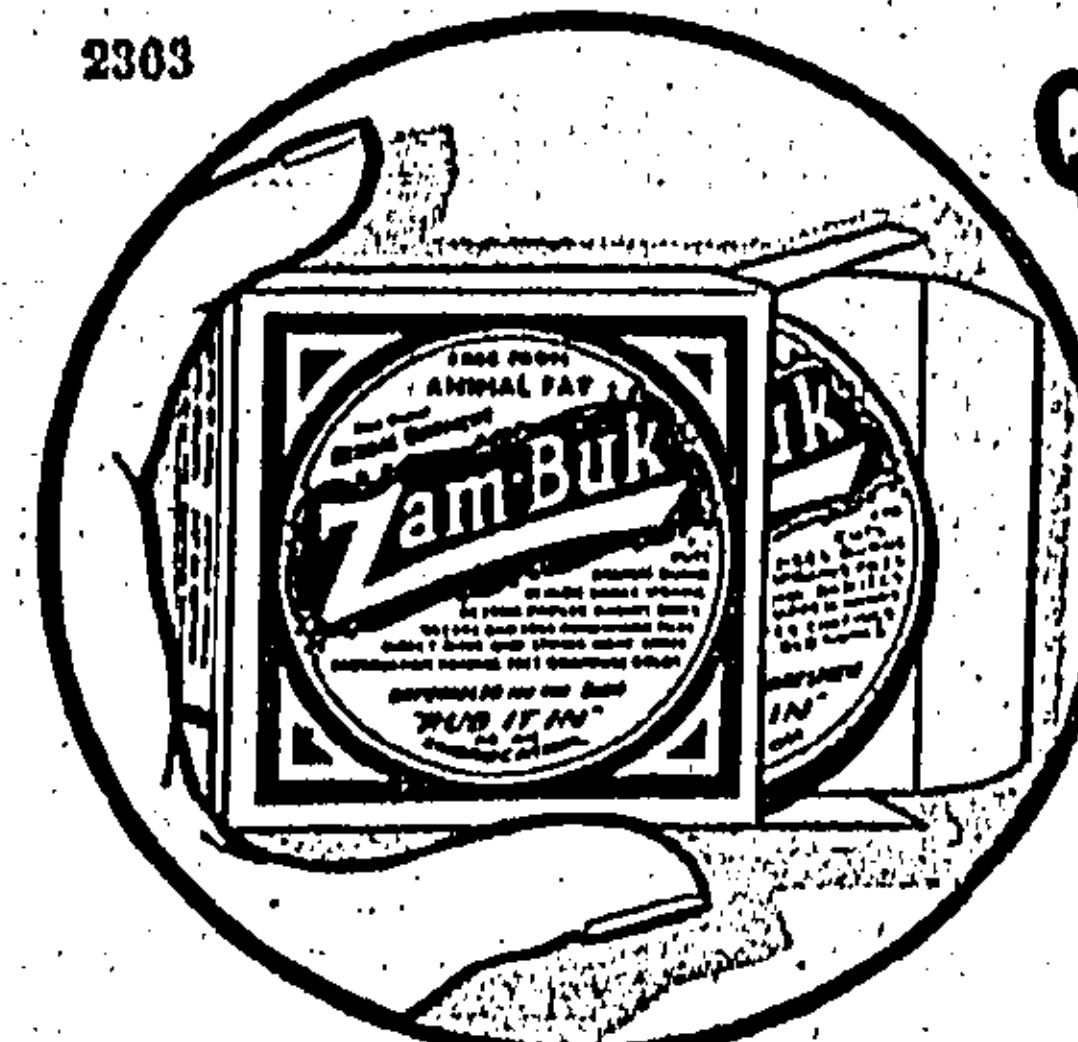
The goal of the totalitarian agents, says Harold Lavine, is not actual espionage and sabotage. Rather it is to create intellectual disorder, to strew up confusion and thus destroy all the processes of debate so essential to democracy.

With this as the moral of his narrative, Mr Lavine, a very pleasant young man in spite of his formidable title, Editorial Director of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, gives some interesting sketches of the men who people the night-shirt organisations, their ideas and their particular fields of activity. His book would have been a lot handier as a reference manual had it been provided with an index.

On this significant issue these two rivals fought—and the fight is still on. Strasser has been an exile for years, now waging a one-man war against the Fuehrer and his fawning coterie, using clever propaganda against them, winning supporters all the time, persecuted and pursued incessantly, but carrying on, undaunted and unafraid, planning for a Fourth Reich and a true German socialism.

Douglas Reed feels that in this man Strasser lies the welfare both of Germany and of all Europe—lies, in fact, world peace.

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"He Stayed For Breakfast"

"He Stayed for Breakfast" Oddly enough, one of the introduces one of the favourite police is the waiter himself, and hobbies of Hollywood, a satire now we are all set for Marianne on Communism.

Melvyn Douglas is the Communist (but they call him a Radical) acting as waiter in a Paris cafe to a banker, Maurice Duval (Eugene Pallette). The Douglas can be you will judge by banker has annoying personal the line he gives to Loretta habits, such as drinking coffee Young: "No man is mortal when with his little finger sticking out, you're wearing that dress."

And this so annoys the Communist (apart from his convic-ping days of aristocratic tions) that he shoots at the cup comedy, and to blazes with Karl of coffee and gives the banker a Marx, nasty shock.

You will find this very amusing, irresponsible, unpolitical Marianne (Loretta Young) for comedy. Loretta, as ever, looks consolation (you would think it dewy-eyed and luscious, and consolation enough). But in Melvyn Douglas is faultlessly steady, he finds her with a boy friend (Alan Marshall), and, worse still, the police nosing is currently showing at the around in search of the waiter. King's.

"Virginia City"

"Virginia City," the week-end feature at the Queen's and Alhambra, would have been much more entertaining if it had been shorter. It has plenty of spectacular action, but is not strong in characterisation.

The plot tends too strongly to the obvious. However, lovers of Westerns, if they are not completely bored with tales of the American Civil War, will find it to their taste.

The story concerns the efforts of a Southern officer to tranship gold from Virginia City held by the Yankees. He is helped by Julia Hayne, a spy, who falls in love with a Union intelligence officer, who hopes to thwart the plan.

There is a good deal of talk as well as action, and the spy and counter spy theme follows familiar lines. The main suspense is whether the gold will get through or not.

Errol Flynn smiles his way ingratiatingly through. The camera is not too kind to Miriam Hopkins, but she acts well as Julia Hayne.

Randolph Scott makes a convincing Southern officer, and most of the sympathy goes to him.

As a guerilla leader who tries to steal the gold, Humphrey Bogart is conventionally sound. Some humour is supplied by Frank McHugh as an insurance

She Succeeds Bergner



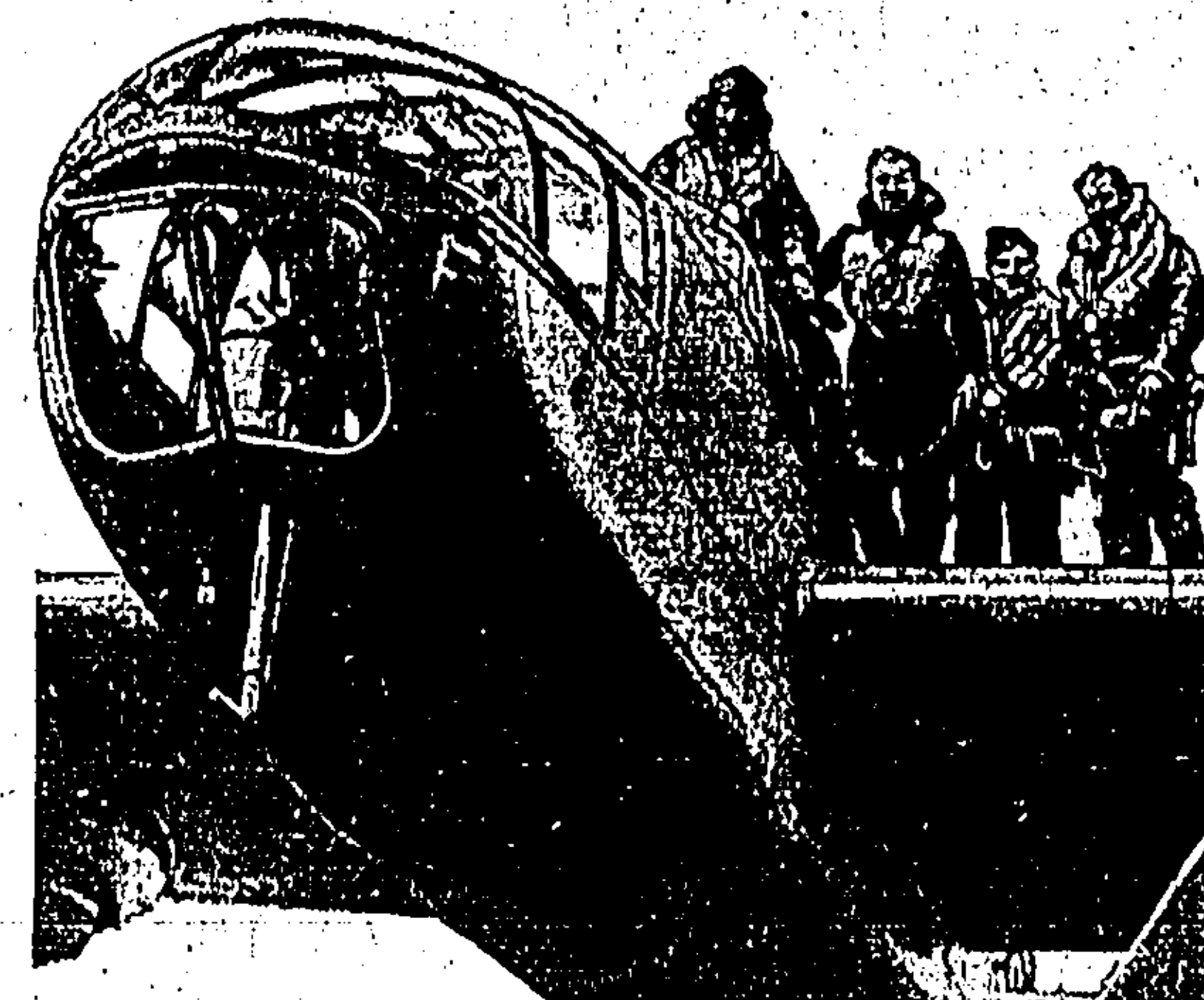
Glynnis Johns, sixteen-year-old actress whose picture you see here, steps into stardom by taking over Elisabeth Bergner's part in "49th Parallel," hotly debated film half-made in Canada, finishing at Denham.

She's the daughter of Mervyn Johns, Welsh player renowned for the subtlety of his acting, was in the film "South Riding," has a delicate, child-like talent rare in films. She has played Shakespeare, Barrie, pantomime.

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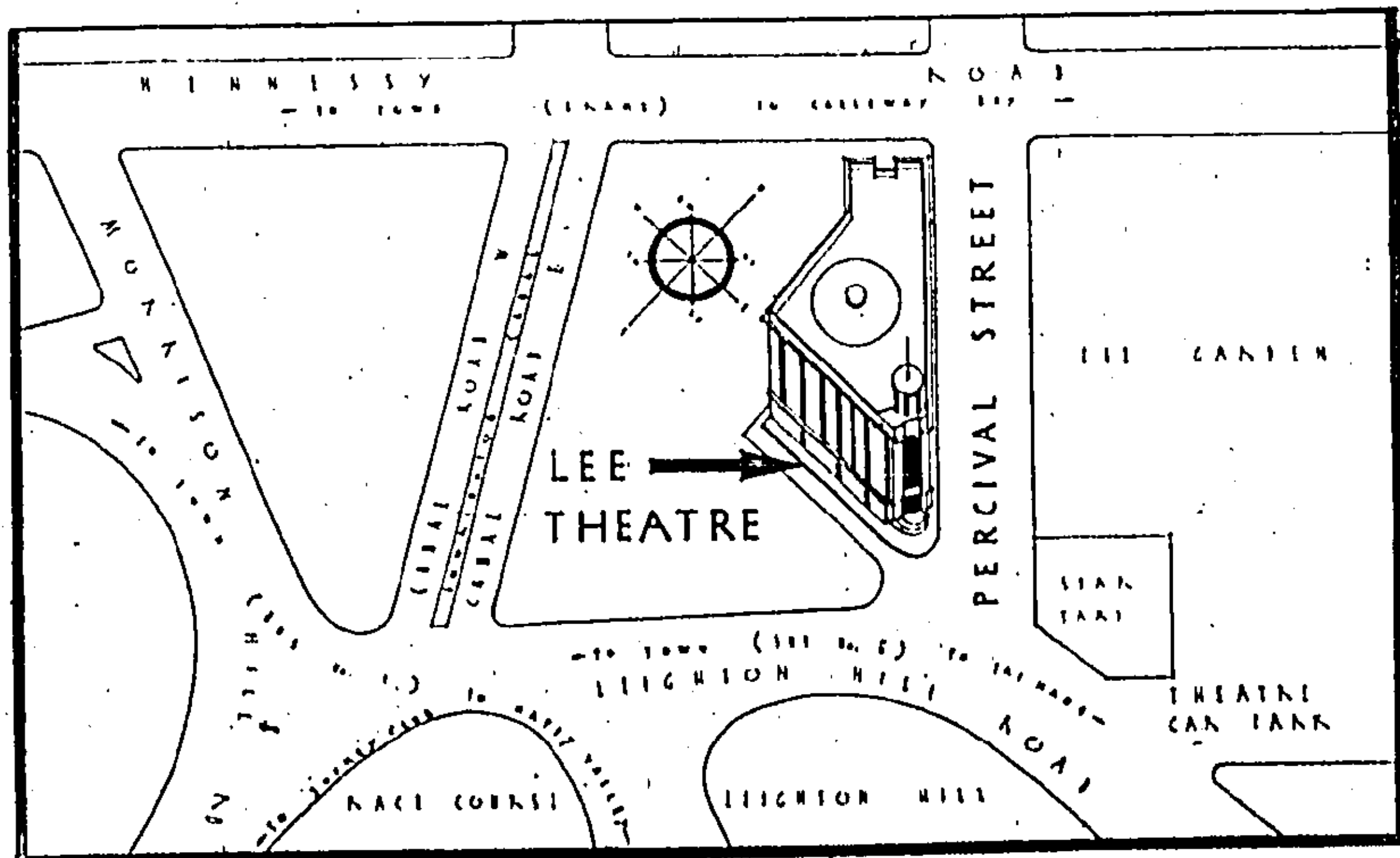
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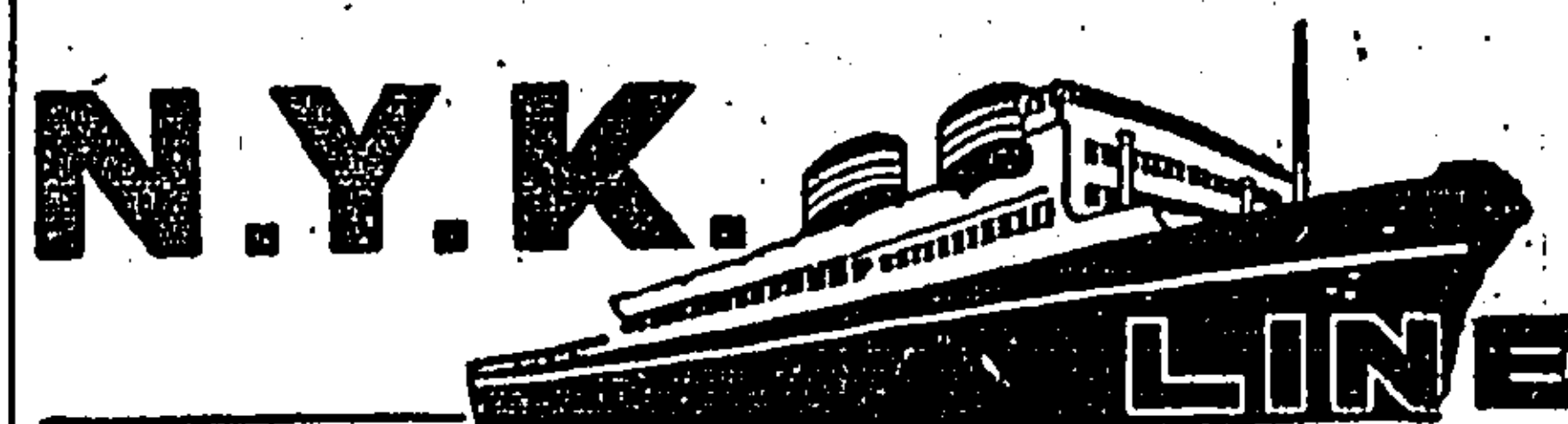
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ments.

1.45 Dance Music by Jay Wilbur
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2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 Variety with John Henry, Stan
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7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Talk: 'Democ-
racy Marches'.

7.30 London Relay—Special Broad-
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8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
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8.03 Schumann—Etudes Sympho-
niques, Op. 13.

Alfred Cortot (Piano).
8.27 A Grieg Programme.
8.53 Eccles—Sonata.
Zino Francescatti (Violin) and
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9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—Questions of
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9.30 Local Sport Results.
9.32 Light Orchestral Selections
with Richard Tauber (Tenor).
9.45 News in French (on Short
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10.00 London Relay—"Musio Hall".
11.00 Dance Music.
12.00 midnight. Close Down.

To-morrow's Programme
11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Ser-
vice from St. John's Cathedral.
12.15 p.m. Compositions of Men-
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
1.03 Concert Waltzes with Milka
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,
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ments.

1.45 A Mozart Programme.
2.30 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Talk: 'Britain
Speaks'.

7.30 Schaeffer and Sitwell and
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1. Four—Cordell Hull (Secretary
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tary of the Treasury), Samuel Ickes
(Secretary of Interior) and Frances
Perkins (Secretary of Labour). 2.
Two—Lloyd George and Baldwin. 3.
Poitery. 4. (a) Trilby (b) A Tale
of Two Cities (c) Under Two Flags
(d) The Count of Monte Cristo. 5.
Celebrating a victory, from the Re-
lief of Mafeking in the South African
War. 6. Constantinople and St.
Petersburg. 7. Dangerous drug. 8.
The name was derived from an old
habit of a sailor of tarring his trou-
sers to make them waterproof. 9.
Yes. It grows in parts of Africa and
other tropical countries and given off
long, sausage-shaped fruits. 10. (a)
Geese (b) cattle (c) pigs or pups (d)
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